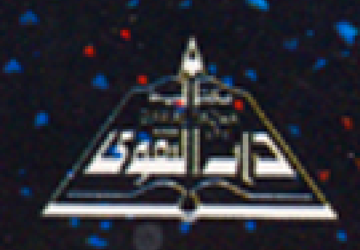
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Ayaat and Ahaadeeth about the Hour





“My Lord! Increase me in knowledge!" - Qur'an 20:114”

Allaah (subhaanahu wa ta'aala) said:
"They ask you (O Muhammad sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) about the Hour, - when will be its appointed time? You have no knowledge to say anything about it, To your Lord belongs (the knowledge of) the term thereof? You (O Muhammad sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) are only a warner for those who fear it, The Day they see it, (it will be) as if they had not tarried (in this world) except an afternoon or a morning." [An-Nazi'aat (79):42-46]

"They ask you about the Hour (Day of Resurrection): 'When will be its appointed time?' Say: 'The knowledge thereof is with my Lord (Alone). None can reveal its time but He. Heavy is its burden through the heavens and the earth. It shall not come upon you except all of a sudden.' They ask you as if you have a good knowledge of it. Say: 'The knowledge thereof is with Allaah (Alone) but most of mankind know not.''" [Al-A'raaf (7):187]

There are many Ayaat and Ahaadeeth concerning this subject: Allaah said:
"The Hour has drawn near, and the moon has been cleft asunder." [Al-Qamar (54):1]
The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, whilst pointing with his index and middle fingers,
"The time of my advent and the Hour are like these two fingers." [1]
In another report he said,
"The Hour almost came before me."

This indicates how close we are, relatively speaking, to the Hour.
Allaah said:
"Draws near for mankind their reckoning, while they turn away in heedlessness." [Al-Anbiyaa' (21):1]
"The Event (the Hour or the punishment of disbelievers and polytheists or the Islaamic laws or commandments), ordained by Allaah will come to pass, so seek not to hasten it. Glorified and Exalted be He above all that they associate as partners with Him." [An-Nahl (16):1]

"Those who believe not therein seek to hasten it, while those who believe are fearful of it, and know that it is the very truth. Verily, those who dispute concerning the Hour are certainly in error far away." [Ash-Shooraa (42):18]
In Saheeh al-Bukhaaree, there is a Hadeeth which states that a Bedouin asked the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) about the Hour.

He (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said,
"It will surely come to pass. What have you prepared for it?" The man said, "O Messenger of Allaah, I have not prepared much in the way of prayer and good works, but I love Allaah and His Messenger." The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, "You will be with those you love." The Muslims had never rejoiced as much they did when they heard this Hadeeth. [2]
Some Ahaadeeth report that the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) was asked about the Hour. He looked towards a young boy and said,
"If he lives, he will not grow very old before he sees your Last Hour coming to you." [3]

By this he meant their death and entering the Hereafter, because everyone who dies enters the Hereafter; some people say that when a person has died, his judgment has begun. This Hadeeth with this meaning is "correct" (Saheeh).
Some heretics comment on this Hadeeth and give it an incorrect meaning. The exact timing of the Great Hour (as-Saa'at al-'Uzmaa) is something which Allaah alone knows and which He has not revealed to anyone, as is clear from the Hadeeth in which the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said:
"There are five things which nobody knows except Allaah;" then he recited, "Verily, Allaah! With Him (Alone) is the knowledge of the Hour, He sends down the rain, and knows that which is in the wombs. No person knows what he will earn tomorrow, and no person knows in what land he will die. Verily, Allaah is All Knower, All Aware (of things)."" [Luqman (31):34] [4]
When Gabriel (Jibreel) (alayhi-salaam) came to the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) in the guise of a Bedouin, he asked him about Islaam, Eemaan (faith) and Ihsaan (excellence of faith); and the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) answered his questions. But when he asked him about the Hour, he said,

"The one questioned about it knows no better than the questioner." Jibreel said, "Tell me about its signs." Then the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) described them, as we shall see later when we quote this Hadeeth and others in full.
Hudhayfah said:
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) stood up one day to speak to us, and told us everything that was going to happen until the Hour, and left nothing unsaid. Some of the listeners learnt it by heart, and some forgot it; these friends of mine learnt it. I do not remember it completely, but sometimes it springs to mind, just as one might remember and recognise the face of a man whom one had forgotten, when one sees him." [Abu Daawood, Muslim] [5]
Imaam Ahmad reported via Abu Nudrah that Abu Sa'eed said:
"One day the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) led us in praying the afternoon prayer (Salaat al-'Asr). Then he stood and addressed us until sunset. He mentioned everything that was to happen until the Day of Resurrection, and left nothing unsaid. Some of us remembered it, and some of us forgot it. One of the things he said was:
'O people, this world is full of attractive temptations. Allaah has appointed you as vicegerents (Khaleefah) in this world, and He will see how you will act. So guard yourselves against the temptations of this world and of women.'
Towards the end of this speech, he said,
'The sun is about to set, and what remains of this world, compared to what has passed, is like what remains of this day compared to what has passed.' [6]"
'Alee ibn Zayd ibn Jad'an al-Timi narrated some Gharib and Munkar Ahaadeeth - which could bring into question the validity of this Hadeeth. But there are some reports which are similar to this Hadeeth, and which were transmitted with different isnaads. Part of this Hadeeth is in Saheeh Muslim, through Abu Nudrah on the authority of Abu Sa'eed. This Hadeeth refers to something which is beyond any doubt: what remains of this world, compared to what has passed, is very little. In spite of that, no-one can know exactly how much time is left except Allaah, and no-one can know exactly how much time has passed, except Allaah.

Footnotes
[1] Bukhaaree, Kitaab at-Tafsir, commentary on Surat an-Nazi'aat, 6/206.
[2] A similar Hadeeth was narrated by Bukhaaree in Kitaab al-Adab.
[3] See Bukhaaree, Kitaab al-Adab; Muslim, Kitaab al-Fitan wa Ashraat

al-Sa'ah.
[4] Bukhaaree, Kitaab at-Tafsir, commentary on Luqman 31:34. A longer Hadeeth is narrated by Muslim in Kitaab al-Eemaan.
[5] Muslim, Kitaab al-Fitan wa Ashraaat al-Sa'ah; Abu Daawood, Kitaab al-Fitan wa'l-Malahim.
[6] The whole speech is narrated by Imaam Ahmad in his Musnad, 2/61. Checker's Note: Da`eef, al-Musnad (3/61) [or 2/61 as stated in the book??], at-Tirmidhee and al-Hakim (4/505). Da`eef due to `Alee ibn Zayd ibn Jad'an. al-Mishkat: 5145 of al-Albaanee. Parts of the complete speech are authentic, see Ibn Kathir's comments.
General Description of the Fitan (Tribulations)
Hudhayfah ibn al-Yaman said,
"People used to ask the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) about good things, but I used to ask him about bad things because I was afraid that they might overtake me. I said, 'O Messenger of Allaah, we were lost in ignorance (Jahiliyyah) and evil, then Allaah brought this good (i.e. Islaam). Will some evil come after this good thing?' He said, 'Yes' I asked, 'And will some good come after that evil?' He said, 'Yes, but it will be tainted with some evil' I asked, 'How will it be tainted?' He said, 'There will be some people who will lead others on a path different from mine. You will see good and bad in them." I asked, 'Will some evil come after that good?' He said, 'Some people will be standing and calling at the gates of Hell; whoever responds to their call, they will throw him into the Fire.' I said, 'O Messenger of Allaah, describe them for us.' He said, 'They will be from our own people, and will speak our language.' I asked, 'What do you advise me to do if I should live to see that?' He said, 'Stick to the main body (jamaa'ah) of the Muslims and their leader (Imaam). I asked, What if there isno main body and no leader?' He said 'Isolate yourself from all of these sects, even if you have to eat the roots of trees until death overcomes you while you are in that state.' [1]"
'Abd Allaah ibn Mas'ood said:
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'Islaam began as something strange, and it will revert to being strange as it was in the beginning, so good tidings for the strangers.' Someone asked, 'Who are the strangers?' He said, 'The ones who break away from their people (literally, 'tribes') for the sake of Islaam.'" This Hadeeth was narrated by Ibn Majah on the authority of Anas and Abu Hurairah. [2]

Footnotes
[1] Bukhaaree, Kitaab al-Fitan, 9/65.

[2] Muslim, Kitaab al-Eemaan, 1/90: Ibn Majah, Kitaab al-Fitan (Hadeeth 3988), 2/1320.

Divisions Within the Main Religious Groups

Abu Hurairah reported that the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said:

"The Jews have split into seventy-one sects, and my Ummah will divide into seventy-three." [1]

'Awf ibn Malik reported that the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said:

"The Jews split into seventy-one sects: one will enter Paradise and seventy will enter Hell. The Christians split into seventy-two sects: seventy-one will enter Hell and one will enter Paradise. By Him in Whose hand is my soul, my Ummah will split into seventy-three sects: one will enter Paradise and seventy-two will enter Hell." Someone asked, "O Messenger of Allaah, who will they be?" He replied, "The main body of the Muslims (al-Jamaa'ah)."

'Awf ibn Malik is the only one who reported this Hadeeth, and its isnaad is acceptable. [2]

Anas ibn Malik said,

"I shall tell you a Hadeeth which I heard from the Messenger of Allaah, and which no-one will tell you after me. I heard him say, 'Among the signs of the Hour will be the disappearance of knowledge and the appearance of ignorance. Adultery will be prevalent and the drinking of wine will be common. The number of men will decrease and the number of women will increase until there will be fifty women to be looked after by one man.'" This Hadeeth was reported in the two Saheehs from the Hadeeth of 'Abd Rabbihi. [3]

'Abd Allaah said,

"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'Just before the Hour, there will be days in which knowledge will disappear and ignorance will appear, and there will be much killing.' " [Ibn Maajah; also narrated by Bukhaaree and Muslim, from the Hadeeth of al-A'mash] [4]

Hudhayfah ibn al-Yaman said,

"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'Islaam will become worn out like clothes are, until there will be no-one who knows what fasting, prayer, charity and rituals are. The Qur'aan will disappear in one night, and no Ayah will be left on earth. Some groups of old people will be left who will say, 'We heard our fathers saying La ilaha illa Allaah, so we repeated it.' Silah asked Hudhayfah, "What will saying La ilaha illa Allaah do for them when they do not know what prayer, fasting, ritual and charity

are?" Hudhayfah ignored him; then Silah repeated his question three times, and each time Hudayfah ignored him. Finally he answered, "O Silah, it will save them from Hell", and said it three times. [Ibn Maajah] [5]
This indicates that in the last days, knowledge will be taken from the people, and even the Qur'aan will disappear from the Mushafs and from people's hearts. People will be left without knowledge. Only the old people will tell them that they used to hear people saying La ilaha illa Allaah; and they will repeat it to feel close to Allaah, so it will give them some blessing, even if they do not have any good deeds or beneficial knowledge. Knowledge will be taken away from men and ignorance will increase during the last days, and their ignorance and misguidance will increase until the end, as in the Hadeeth of the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam):
"The Hour will not come upon anyone who says, 'Allaah, Allaah'; it will only come upon the most evil of men." [6]

Footnotes
[1] Ibn Maajah, Kitaab al-Fitan (Hadeeth 3991), 2/1321.
Checker's Note: Saheeh, Saheeh Ibn Maajah: 3225
[2] Abu Daawood, Kitaab as-Sunnah, (Hadeeth 4572, 4573), 12/1340-2.
"The main body of the Muslims (al-Jamaa'ah)" means the people of the Qur'aan, Hadeeth, Fiqh and other sciences, who have agreed to follow the Traditions of the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) in all circumstances without introducing any changes or imposing their own confused ideas.
Checker's Note: Saheeh, Saheeh al-Jami as-Sagheer: 1082, the narration of `Awf ibn Malik is also reported by Ibn Maajah (no. 4992), Ibn Abee `Asim in as-Sunnah (no. 63) and al-Lalikai in Sharh us-Sunnah (no. 1492).
[3] A similar Hadeeth was narated by al-Bukhaaree in Kitaab al-'Ilm, 1/30,31; and by Muslim.
Checker's Note: Saheeh, al-Bukhari and Muslim.
[4] Bukhaaree, Kitaab al-Fitan, 9/61; Msulim, Kitaab al-'Ilm, 8/58.
[5] Checker's Note: Saheeh, Silsilatul Ahadeeth as-Saheehah: 87.
[6]The first part of it was related by Muslim in Kitab al-Eemaan, 1/91, and the second part in Kitab al-Fitan wa Ashraat al-Sa'ah, 8/208.

The Evils Which Will Befall the Muslim Ummah During The Last Days

'Abd Allaah ibn 'Umar said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) came to us and said, 'O Muhaajiroon, (emigrants from Makkah to al-Madinah) you may be

afflicted by five things; God forbid that you should live to see them. If fornication should become widespread, you should realise that this has never happened without new diseases befalling the people which their forebears never suffered. If people should begin to cheat in weighing out goods, you should realise that this has never happened without drought and famine befalling the people, and their rulers oppressing them. If people should withhold Zakaat, you should realise that this has never happened without the rain being stopped from falling; and were it not for the animals' sake, it would never rain again. If people should break their covenant with Allaah and His Messenger, you should realise that his has never happened without Allaah sending an enemy against them to take some of their possessions by force. If the leaders do not govern according to the Book of Allaah, you should realise that this has never happened without Allaah making them into groups and making them fight one another.'" [Ibn Maajah] [1]
'Alee ibn Abee Taalib said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said: 'If my Ummah bears fifteen traits, tribulation will befall it.' Someone asked, 'What are they, O Messenger of Allaah?' He said, 'When any gain is shared out only among the rich, with no benefit to the poor; when a trust becomes a means of making a profit; when paying Zakaat becomes a burden; when a man obeys his wife and disobeys his mother; and treats his friend kindly whilst shunning his father; when voices are raised in the mosques; when the leader of a people is the worst of them; when people treat a man with respect because they fear some evil he may do; when much wine is drunk; when men wear silk; when female singers and musical instruments become popular; when the last ones of this Ummah curse the first ones - then let them expect a red wind, or the earth to swallow them, or to be transformed into animals.'" [Tirmidhee] [2]
'Alee ibn Abee Taalib said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) led us in praying Salaat al-Fajr (the morning prayer). When he had finished, a man called to him: 'When will the Hour be? The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) reprimanded him and said 'Be quiet!' After a while he raised his eyes to the sky and said, 'Glorified be the One Who raised it and is taking care of it.' Then he lowered his gaze to the earth and said, 'Glory be to the One Who has outspread it and has created it.' Then the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'Where is the one who asked me about the Hour?' The man knelt down and said, 'I asked you.' The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'The Hour will come when leaders are

oppressors, when people believe in the stars and reject al-Qadar (the Divine Decree of destiny) when a trust becomes a way of making a profit, when people give to charity (Sadaqah) reluctantly, when adultery becomes widespread - when this happens, then your people will perish.'" [3]
'Imran ibn Husayn said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'Some people of this Ummah will be swallowed up by the earth, some will be transformed into animals, and some will be bombarded with stones.' One of the Muslims asked, 'When will that be, O Messenger of Allaah?' He said, 'When singers and musical instruments will become popular, and much wine will be drunk.'"[4]

Footnotes
[1] Narrated by Ibn Maajah, Kitaab al-Fitan (Hadeeth 4019), 2/1332.
Checker's Note: Saheeh, Silsilatul Ahadeeth as-Saheehah: 106-107.
[2] Tirmidhee, Abwaab al-Fitan (Hadeeth 308), 6/4620-458.
Checker's Note: Da`eef, Da`eef al-Jami as-Sagheer: 608.
[3] al-Haythami, Kitaab al-Fitan.
Checker's Note: al-Haythami, says, "al-Bazzar reports it and it contains narrators I do not know." We do not know the status of the hadeeth as no muhaddith (as far as we know) has given a definite verdict.
[4] Narrated by at-Tirmidhee.
Checker's Note: Saheeh, Silsilatul Ahadeeth as-Saheehah: 1604.

The Greater Signs of the Hour

After the lesser signs of the Hour appear and increase, mankind will have reached a stage of great suffering. Then the awaited Mahdee will appear; he is the first of the greater, and clear, signs of the Hour. There will be no doubt about his existence, but this will only be clear to the knowledgeable people. The Mahdee will rule until the False Messiah (al-Maseeh ad-Dajjaal) appears, who will spread oppression and corruption. The only ones who will know him well and avoid his evil will be those who have great knowledge and Eemaan (faith).
The false Messiah will remain for a while, destroying mankind completely, and the earth will witness the greatest Fitnah (tribulation) in its history. Then the Messiah Jesus (alayhi salam) will descend, bringing justice from heaven. He will kill the Dajjaal, and there will be years of safety and security.
Then the appearance of Ya'jooj and Ma'jooj (Gog and Magog) will take mankind by surprise, and corruption will overtake them again. In answer

to Jesus' faithful prayer to Allaah (subhanahu wa ta'aala), they will die, and safety, security, justice and stability will return.
This state of affairs will continue for some years, until the death of Jesus.
The Ulamaa differ concerning the order in which the other greater signs of the Hour will come about. They are:

- The destruction of the Ka'bah and the recovery of its treasure.
- The rising of the sun from the west.
- The emergence of the Beast from the earth.
- The smoke.
- A wind will take the souls of the believers.
- The Qur'aan will be taken up into heaven.
- A fire will drive the people to their last gathering place.
- The Trumpet will be sounded: at the first sound everyone will feel terror; at the second sound all will be struck down; at the last sound all will be resurrected.

The Mahdee
The Mahdee will come at the end of time; he is one of the Rightly-Guided Caliphs and Imaams. He is not the Mahdee who is expected by the Shee'ah, who they claim will appear from a tunnel in Saamarraa. This claim of theirs has no basis in reality nor in any reliable source. They allege that his name is Muhammad ibn al-Hasan ibn al-Askaree, and that he went into the tunnel when he was five years old.
The matter we intend to discuss has been proven by Ahaadeeth narrated from the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam): that the Mahdee will appear at the end of time. I believe that he will appear before Jesus the son of Mary comes down, as the Ahaadeeth indicate.
Hajjaaj said that he heard Alee say,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, "Even if there were only one day left for the world, Allaah would send a man from among us to fill the world with justice, just as it had been filled with oppression and justice." [Ahmad] [1]
Alee said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, "The Mahdee is one of us, from among the people of my household. In one night Allaah will inspire him and prepare him to carry out his task successfully." [Ahmad and Ibn Maajah] [2]
Alee said, whilst looking at his son al-Hasan,
This son of mine is a Sayyid (master), as the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) named him. Among his descendants there will be man named after your Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam). He will resemble him

in behaviour but not in looks. Then he told them the report which mentions that the earth will be filled with justice. [Abu Daawood] [3]
Abu Daawood devoted a chapter of his Sunan to the subject of the Mahdee. At the beginning of this chapter he quoted the Hadeeth of Jaabir ibn Samrah, in which the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, "This religion will remain steadfast until twelve caliphs have ruled over you." (According to another report he said, "This religion will remain strong until twelve caliphs have ruled over you.") Jaabir said, "The people cheered and shouted Allaahu Akbar! Then the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) whispered something. I asked my father 'What did he say?' My father said, 'He said, All ofthem will be from Quraysh.'" Another report says that when the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) returned to his house, Quraysh came to him and asked, "What will happen after that?" He said, "Then there will be tribulation and killing." [4]
Abu Daawood reported a Hadeeth from Abd Allaah ibn Masood:
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, "If there were only one day left for the world, that day would be lengthened until a man from among my descendants or from among the people of my household, was sent; his name will be the same as my name, and his fathers name will be the same as my fathers name. He will fill the earth with justice and fairness, just as it will have been filled with injustice and oppression. The world will not end until a man of my household, whose name is the same as mine, holds sway." [5]
Abd Allaah said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'A man from my household, whose name is like mine, will take power.'" [Tirmidhee] [6]
In another report, from Abu Hurairah, the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said,
"If there were only one day left for this world, Allaah would lengthen it until he took power." [7]
Aboo Sa'eed said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'The Mahdee will be one of my descendants; he will have a high forehead and a hooked nose. He will fill the earth with justice and fairness just as it was filled with injustice and oppression, and he will rule for seven years.'" [Abu Daawood] [8]
Umm Salamah said,
"I heard the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) say,'The Mahdee will be one of my descendants, from the children of Faatimah.'" [Abu Daawood] [9]

Umm Salamah reported that the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said,
"People will begin to differ after the death of a Khaleefah. A man from the people of Madinah will flee to Makkah. Some of the people of Makkah will come to him and drag him out against his will; they will swear allegiance to him between al-Rukn and al-Maqam. An army will be sent against him from Syria; it will be swallowed up in the desert between Makkah and Madinah. When the people see this, groups of people from Syria and Iraq will come and swear allegiance to him. Then a man from Quraysh whose mother is from Kalb will appear and send an army against them, and will defeat them; this will be known as the Battle of Kalb. Whoever does not witness the spoils of this battle will miss much! The Mahdee will distribute the wealth, and will rule the people according to the Sunnah of the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam). Then he will die, and the Muslims will pray for him." [Abu Daawood] [10]
Alee said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'A man named al-Haarith ibn Hirath will come from Transoxania. His army will be led by a man named Mansoor. He will pave the way for and establish the government of the family of Muhammad, just as Quraysh established the government of the Messenger of Allaah. Every believer will be obliged to support him.'" [Abu Daawood] [11]
Abd Allaah ibn al-Haarith ibn Juz' al-Zubaydee said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'A people will come out of the East who will pave the way for the Mahdee.'" [Ibn Maajah] [12]
Abd Allaah said,
"Whilst we were with the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam), some young men from Banu Hashim approached us. When the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) saw them, his eyes filled with tears and the colour of his face changed. I said, 'We can see something has changed in your face, and it upsets us.' The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'We are the people of a Household for whom Allaah has chosen the Hereafter rather than this world. The people of my Household (Ahl al-Bayt) will suffer a great deal after my death, and will be persecuted until a people carrying black banners will come out of the east. They will instruct the people to do good, but the people will refuse; they will fight until they are victorious, and the people do as they asked, but they will not accept it from them until they hand over power to a man from my household. Then the earth will be filled with fairness, just as it had been filled with injustice. If any of you live to see this, you should go

to him even if you have to crawl across ice.'" [13]
This text refers to the rule of the Abbasids, as we have mentioned above in the text referring to the beginningof their rule in 132 AH. It also indicates that the Mahdee will appear after the Abbasids, and that he will be one of the Ahl al-Bayt, a descendant of Faatimah, the daughter of the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam), through Hasan, not Husayn, as mentioned in the Hadeeth from Alee ibn Abee Taalib; and Allaah knows best. [14]
Thwaban said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said,'Three men will be killed at the place where your treasure is. Each of them will be the son of a Khaleefah, and none of them will get hold of the treasure. Then the black banners will come out of the East, and they will slaughter you in a way which has never been seen before.' Then he said something which I do not remember; then, 'If you see him, go and give him your allegiance, even if you have to crawl over ice, because he is the Khaleefah of Allaah, the Mahdee.'" [Ibn Maajah] [15]
The treasure referred to in this text is the treasure of the Ka'bah. Towards the end of time, three of the sons of the Khaleefahs will fight to get hold of it, until the Mahdee appears. He will appear from the East, not from the tunnel of Saamarraa, as the Shee'ah claim; they believe that he is in this tunnel now, and they are waiting for him to emerge at the end of time. There is no evidence for it in any book or Saheeh tradition, and there is no benefit in believing this.
The truth of the matter is that the Mahdee whose coming is promised at the end of time will appear from the East,and people will swear allegiance to him at the Ka'bah, as some Ahaadeeth indicate.
At the time of the Mahdee, there will be peace and prosperity, with abundant crops and wealth, strong rulers, and Islaam will be well-established.
Aboo Sa'eed said,
"By Allaah every ruler we have had has been worse than the previous one, and every year has been worse than the year before, but I heard the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) say, 'Among your rulers will be one who will give out wealth freely, without counting it. A man will come and ask him for money, and he will say, "Take"; the man will spread his cloak out and the ruler will pour money into it.' The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) spread out a thick cloak he had been wearing, to demonstrate the mans actions; then he gathered it up by its corners and said, 'Then the man will take it and leave.'" [Ahmad] [16]

Footnotes
[1] Ahmad, al-Musnad; similar Hadeeth in Abu Daawood, Kitaab Awwal al-Mahdee.
Checker's Note: Saheeh, Ahmad and Abu Daud, Saheeh al-Jami as-Sagheer: 5305.
[2] Ahmad, al-Musnad and Ibn Maajah, Kitaab al-Fitan.
Checker's Note: Saheeh Saheeh al-Jami as-Sagheer: 6735. It has been mistranslated slightly, it should be "In one night, Allaah will prepare him," the mention of inspiration and the carrying out of the task is explanatory.
[3] See Abu Daawood, Kitaab al-Mahdee.
Checker's Note: Da`eef Munqati' (chain of narration is broken), al-Mishkat, 1st checking: 5462.
[4] Checker's Note: "... returned to his house" is a da`eef addition. The rest of the hadeeth is saheeh.
[5] See Abu Daawood, Kitaab al-Mahdee.
Checker's Note: Saheeh, Saheeh Abee Daawood: 3601.
[6] Checker's Note: "A man from my household ..." Hasan, Saheeh al-Jami as-Sagheer: 8160.
[7] at-Tirmidhee, in his chapters dealing with al-Fitan.
Checker's Note: Saheeh, Saheeh at-Tirmidhee: 1819.
[8] Abu Daawood, Kitaab al-Mahdee.
Checker's Note: Hasan, Saheeh Abee Daawood: 3604. Translation states, "... a hooked nose." Correct translation is "... an aquiline nose."
[9] Abu Daawood, Kitaab al-Mahdee.
Checker's Note: Saheeh, Saheeh Abee Daawood: 3603.
[10] Abu Daawood, Kitaab al-Mahdee.
Checker's Note: Da`eef, al-Mishkat, 1st checking: 5456.
[11] Checker's Note: Da`eef, Da`eef al-Jami as-Sagheer: 6418.
[12] Ibn Maajah, Kitaab al-Fitan (Hadeeth 3088).
Checker's Note: Da`eef, Silsilatul Ahaadieeh ad-Da`eefah: 4826.
[13] Ibn Maajah, ibid., (Hadeeth 4082).
Checker's Note: Da`eef, Da`eef Ibn Maajah: 886.
[14] See Ahaadeeth above. (Ref. 1, 2 & 3)
Checker's Note: Footnote refers to hadeeth no. 3.
[15] Narrated by Ibn Maajah, op. cit., Hadeeth 4084.
Checker's Note: Da`eef Munkar (the isnaad is weak and moreover the meaning is wrong). In this case, the mention of "Khaleefah of Allaah" is munkar because Allaah cannot have a successor or vicegerent in His absence, Silsilatul Ahaadeeth ad-Da`eefah: 85.

[16] Ahmad, Musnad, 3/98.
Checker's Note: Da`eef. Its isnaad contains Mujahid ibn Sa'eed
Different Kinds of Fitan (Tribulations)
Zaynab bint Jahsh said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) got up from his sleep; his face was flushed and he said, 'There is no god but Allaah. Woe to the Arabs, for a great evil which is nearly approaching them. Today a gap has been made in the wall of Gog and Magog like this (Sufyan illustrated this by forming the number of 90 or 100 with his fingers).' Someone asked, 'Shall we be destroyed even though there are righteous people among us?' The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'Yes, if evil increases.'" [Bukhaaree] [1]
Umm Salamah, the wife of the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said,
"One night the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) got up and said, 'SubhanAllaah! How many tribulations have come down tonight, and how many treasures have been disclosed! Go and wake the dwellers of these apartments (i.e. his wives) for prayer. A well-dressed soul in this world may be naked in the Hereafter.'" [Bukhaaree] [2]
Usamah ibn Zayd said,
"Once the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) stood over one of the battlements of al-Madinah and asked the people, 'Do you see what I see?' They said, 'No.' He said, 'I see afflictions falling upon your houses as rain drops fall.'" [Bukhaaree and Muslim] [3]
Abu Hurairah (radiallahu anhu) said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'Time will pass rapidly, knowledge will decrease, miserliness will become widespread in peoples hearts, afflictions will appear, and there will be much Harj.' The people asked, 'O Messenger of Allaah, what is Harj?' He said, 'Killing, killing!'" [Bukhaaree] [4]
Al-Zubayr ibn Adee narrated,
"We went to Anas ibn Malik and complained about the wrong we were suffering at the hands of al-Hajjaaj. Anas ibn Malik said, 'Be patient, "For no time will come but that the time following it will be worse, until you meet your Lord." I heard the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) say that.'" [Bukhaaree]
Abu Hurairah said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'There will come a time of afflictions when one who sits will be better than one who stands; one who stands will be better than one who walks; and one who walks

will be better than one who runs. Whoever exposes himself to these afflictions, they will destroy him. So whoever can find a place of protection or refuge from them, should take shelter in it.'" [Bukhaaree and Muslim] [5]
Hudhayfah said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) told us two Hadeeth, one of which I have seen fulfilled, and I am waiting for the fulfilment of the other. The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) told us that honesty came down into mens hearts (from Allaah); then they learnt it from the Qur'aan, and then from the Sunnah. The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) told us that honesty would be taken away. He said, 'Man will be overtaken by sleep, during which honesty will be taken away from his heart, and only its trace will remain, like traces of a dark spot. Then man will be overtaken by slumber again, during which honesty will decrease still further, until its trace will resemble a blister such as is caused when an ember is dropped onto ones foot: it swells, but there is nothing inside. People will be carrying on with their trade, but there will hardly be any trustworthy persons. People will say, There is an honest man in such-and-such a tribe. Later they will say about some man, What a wise, polite and strong man he is! - although he will not have faith even the size of a mustard-seed in his heart.' Indeed, there came a time when I did not mind dealing with any one of you, for if he were a Muslim his Islaam would compel him to pay whatever he owed me, and if he were a Christian, the Muslim official would compel him to pay it. But now I do not deal with anyone except so-and-so and so-and-so." [Bukhaaree] [6]
Ibn Umar said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) stood beside the pulpit, facing the east, and said, 'Afflictions will verily emerge from here, where the top of Satans head will appear.'" [Bukhaaree] [7]
Abu Hurairah said that he had heard the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) say,
"The Hour will not come until a man passes by someone's grave and says, 'Would that I were in his place!'" [Bukhaaree] [8]
Abu Hurairah said,
"I heard the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) say, 'The Hour will not come until the buttocks of the women of Daws move whist going around Dhoo l-Khalasah.'" Dhoo l-Khalasah was an idol worshipped by the tribe of Daws during the Jaahiliyyah. [Hadeeth from Bukhaaree] [9]
Abu Hurairah also said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'The Euphrates will

disclose a golden treasure. Whoever is present at that time should not take anything of it.'" [10]
Abu Hurairah said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'The Hour will not come before the Euphrates uncovers a mountain of gold, for which people will fight. Ninety-nine out of every hundred will die, but every one among them will say that perhaps he will be the one who will survive (and thus possess the gold).'" [Muslim] [11]
Abu Hurairah said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam)said, 'The Hour will not come until the following events have come to pass: two large groups will fight the another, and there will be many casualties; they will both be following the same religious teaching. Nearly thirty Dajjaals will appear, each of them falsely claiming to be a Messenger from Allaah. Knowledge will disappear, earthquakes will increase, time will pass quickly, afflictions will appear, and Harj (ie killing) will increase. Wealth will increase, so that a wealthy man will worry lest no-one accept his Zakaat, and when he offers it to anyone, that person will say, "I am not in need of it." People will compete in constructing high buildings. When a man passes by someones grave, he will say, "Would that I were in his place!" The sun will rise from the west; when it rises and the people see it, they will believe, but,
"No good will it do to a soul to believe in them then, if it believed not before nor earned righteousness through its faith..." [Al-An'aam (6):158]
"The Hour will come suddenly: when a man has milked his she-camel and taken away the milk, but he will not have time to drink it; before a man repairing a tank for his livestock will be able to put water in it for his animals; and before a man who has raised a morsel of food to his mouth will be able to eat it." [Bukhaaree] [12]
Hudhayfah ibn al-Yaman said,
"Of all the people, I know most about every tribulation which is going to happen between now and the Hour. This is not because the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) told me something in confidence which he did not tell anyone else; it is because I was present among a group of people to whom he spoke about the tribulations (al-Fitan). The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) mentioned three tribulations which would hardly spare anybody, and some which would be like storms in summer; some would be great and some would be small. Everyone who was present at that gathering has passed away, except me." [Muslim] [13]
Abu Hurairah said,

"I heard the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) say, "If you live for a while, you will see people go out under the wrath of Allaah and come back under His curse, and they will have in their hands whips like the tail of an ox.'" [Ahmad, Muslim] [14]
Abu Hurairah said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'There are two types among the people of Hell whom I have not yet seen. The first are people who have whips like the tails of oxen, with which they beat people, and the second are women who are naked in spite of being dressed; they will be led astray and will lead others astray, and their heads will look like camels humps. These women will not enter Paradise; they will not even experience the faintest scent of it, even though the fragrance of Paradise can be perceived from such a great distance.'" [15]
Anas ibn Malik said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) was asked, 'O Messenger of Allaah, (what will happen) when we stop enjoining good and forbidding evil?' He said, 'When what happened to the Israelites happens among you: when fornication becomes widespread among your leaders, knowledge is in the hands of the lowest of you, and power passes into the hands of the least of you.'" [Ibn Maajah] [16]
Abu Hurairah said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'Woe to the Arabs from the great evil which is nearly approaching them: it will be like patches of dark night. A man will wake up as a believer, and be a kafir (unbeliever) by nightfall. People will sell their religion for a small amount of worldly goods. The one who clings to his religion on that day will be as one who is grasping an ember - or thorns.'" [Ahmad] [17]
Abu Hurairah said,
"I heard the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) saying to Thawbaan, 'O Thawban, what will you do when the nations call one another to invade you as people call one another to come and eat from one bowl?' Thawbaan said, 'May my father and my mother be sacrificed for you, O Messenger of Allaah! Is it because we are so few?' The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'No, on that day you (Muslims) will be many, but Allaah will put weakness (wahn) in your hearts.' The people asked, 'What is that weakness, O Messenger of Allaah?' He said, 'It is love for this world and dislike of fighting.'" [Ahmad] [18]
The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said,
"There will be a tribulation in which one who is sleeping will be better than one who is lying down, one who is lying will be better than one who is

sitting, one who is sitting will be better than one who is standing, one who is standing will be better than one who is walking, one who is walking will be better than one who is riding, and one who is riding will be better than one who is running; all of their dead will be in Hell." The Companion of the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) who narrated this Hadeeth said, "O Messenger of Allaah, when will that be?" He said, "That will be the days of Harj." He asked, "When will the days of Harj be?" The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, "When a man will not trust the person to whom he is speaking." The Companion asked, "What do you advise me to do if I live to see that?" He said, "Restrain yourself, and go back to your place of residence." The Companion then asked, "O Messenger of Allaah, what should I do if someone enters my neighbourhood to attack me?" He said, "Go into your house." The Companion asked, "What if he enters my house?" He said, "Go into the place where you pray and do this - and he folded his arms, - and say 'My Lord is Allaah', until you die." [19]

Abu Bakrah said,

"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'There will be a tribulation during which one who is lying down will be better than one who is sitting, one who is sitting will be better than one who is standing, one who is standing will be better than one who is walking, and one who is walking will be better than one who is running.' Someone asked, 'O Messenger of Allaah, what do you advise me to do?' He said, 'Whoever has camels, let him stay with them, and whoever has land, let him stay in his land.' Someone asked, 'What about someone who does not have anything like that?' He said, 'Then let him take his sword and strike its edge against a stone, then go as far away as possible.'" [Abu Daawood; similar Hadeeth in Muslim] [20]

At the time of the Fitnah of Uthmaan ibn Affaan's Khilaafah (Caliphate), Sa'd ibn Abee Waqqaas said,

"I bear witness that the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'There will come a tribulation during which one who sits will be better than one who stands, one who stands will be better than one who walks, and one who walks will be better than one who runs.' Someone asked, 'What do you advise if someone enters my house to kill me?' He said, 'Be like the son of Adam (i.e. resign yourself).'" [Muslim, Tirmidhee] [21]

Abu Moosaa al-Asharee said,

"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'Before the Hour comes, there will be a tribulation like patches of dark night. A man will get up a believer and go to sleep a kaafir, or will go to sleep a believer and

get up a kaafir. The one who sits will be better than one who stands, and one who walks will be better than one who runs. Break your bows, cut their strings, and strike your swords against stones. If someone comes to kill any of you, then be like the better of the twos ons of Adam.'" [Abu Daawood] [22]
Abu Dharr said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) was riding a donkey and sat me behind him. He said, 'O Abu Dharr, if the people were suffering from such severe hunger that you could not even get up from your bed to go to the mosque, what would you do?' I said, 'Allaah and His Messenger know best.' He said, 'Be decent and restrain yourself.' Then he said, 'O Abu Dharr, if the people were suffering from severe death (i.e. if a man were worth no more than a grave), what would you do? If the people were killing one another, until Hajarat al-Zayt (an area of Madinah) were submerged in blood, what would you do?' I said, 'Allaah and His Messenger know best.' He said, 'Stay in your house and lock the door.' I asked, 'What if I am not left alone?' He said, 'Then be one of them.' I said, 'Should I take up my sword?' He said, 'If you did that, you would be joining them in their activities. No - if you fear that the brightness of the shining sword will disturb you, then cover your face with part of your clothing, and let him carry his own sin and your sin.'" [Ahmad] [23]
Abd Allaah ibn Amr said,
"We were on a journey with the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam)...When the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam)'s caller called for prayer, I went there. The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) was addressing the people, saying: "O people, it has been the duty of every Prophet before me to guide his people to whatever he knew was good for them, and to warn them against whatever he knew was bad for them, but this Ummah has its time of peace and security at the beginning; at the end of its existence it will suffer trials and tribulations, one after the other. Tribulation will come, and the believer will say, "This will finish me", but it will pass. Another tribulation will come, and he will say, "This is it", but it will pass, and a third will come and go likewise. Whoever wishes to be rescued from Hell, and enter Paradise, let him die believing in Allaah and the Last Day, and treat the people as he himself wishes to be treated. If anyone gives allegiance to an Imaam, then let him obey him if he can (or on one occasion he said: as much as you can).'"
Abd al-Rahman (one of the narrators of this Hadeeth) said,
"When I heard that, I put my head between my knees and said, 'But your cousin Mu'aawiyah is ordering us to squander our wealth among

ourselves in vanity, and to kill each other, although Allaah has said,
"O you who believe! Squander not your wealth among yourselves in vanity..." ' [an-Nisaa (4):29]
Abd Allaah (another narrator) put his head in his hands and paused a while, then he raised his head and said,
"Obey him in that which is obedience to Allaah and disobey that which is disobedience to Allaah." I asked him, "Did you hear that from the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam)?" He said, "Yes, I heard it with my ears and understood it in myheart." [Ahmad, Abu Daawood, an-Nasaa'ee, Ibn Maajah] [24]
Abd Allaah ibn Amr said,
"I heard the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) say, 'If you see my Ummah fearing a tyrant so much that they dare not tell him that he is a tyrant, then there will be no hope for them.'"
The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said,
"Among my Ummah, some will be swallowed up by the earth, some bombarded with stones, and some transformed into animals." [Ahmad] [25]

Footnotes
[1] Bukhaaree, Kitaab al-Fitan.
[2] Bukhaaree, Kitaab al-'Ilm.
[3] Bukhaaree, Kitaab al-Fitan, 9/60; Muslim, Baab Nuzuul al-Fitan ka-Mawaaqi' al-Qatar, 8/168.
[4] Bukhaaree, ibid.
[5] op. cit., 9/64; Muslim, Baab Nuzuul al-Fitan ka-Mawaaqi' al-Qatar.
[6] Bukhaaree, op. cit., 9/66.
[7] Bukhaaree, Kitaab Bid' al-Khalq, 4/150.
[8] Bukhaaree, Kitaab al-Fitan, 9/73.
[9] Bukhaaree, Kitaab al-Fitan, 8/132
Daws: a tribe in Yemen; Dhoo l-Khalasah: a house full of idols - it is so called because they believed that whoever worshipped it or went around it would be purified (khallasa). This Hadeeth means that the tribe of Daws will become apostates from Islaam and will go back to idol worshipping; even their women will exert themselves in worshipping the idol and running around it, so that their flesh will quiver.
[10] Bukhaaree, Kitaab al-Fitan, 9/73.
[11] Muslim, Kitaab al-Fitan wa Ashraat al-Saa'ah, 8/174.
[12] Bukhaaree, Kitaab al-Fitan, 9/74.
[13] Muslim, Kitaab al-Fitan wa Ashraat al-Saa'ah, 8/172.

[14] Muslim, Kitaab al-Jannah wa Sifat Na'imihaa wa Ahlihaa, 8/155, 156.
[15] Muslim, ibid.
[16] Ibn Maajah narrated a similar Hadeeth in Kitaab al-Fitan (Hadeeth 4015), 2/1331. Ahmad, Musnad, 3/187.
Checker's Note: Da`eef due to the `an`anah (usage of the word `an (from)) of Makhool, Da`eef Ibn Maajah: 870.
[17] Ahmad, Musnad, 2/390.
Checker's Note: Saheeh. Weak isnaad but supported by other narrations similar in meaning. Musnad Imaam Ahmad, checking by Ahmad Shakir: 2/390.
[18] Ahmad, Musnad, 2/359.
Checker's Note: Saheeh, Silsilatul Ahadeeth as-Saheehah: 958. Wording should be "dislike of death".
[19] Ahmad, Musnad, 1/448.
Checker's Note: Saheeh. Musnad Imaam Ahmad, checking by Ahmad Shakir: [??] Ahmad's narration contains an unnamed narrator who is named in the narration of Abdur Razzaaq, no. 20727 and al-Hakim, 4/320, and he is reliable.
[20] Abu Daawood, ibid. (Hadeeth 4236). Muslim, Kitaab al-Fitan, 8/169.
Checker's Note: Saheeh, Saheeh Abee Daawood: 3580.
[21] Tirmidhee, Abwaab al-Fitan, (Hadeeth 2290), 6/436, 438. Ahmad, Musnad, 1/185.
Checker's Note: Saheeh, al-Irwa, no. 2451 of Shaykh al-Albaanee. It is saheeh but has not been reported by Muslim, as main text states.
[22] Abu Daawood, Abwaab al-Fitan wa'l-Malaahim, (Hadeeth 4139), 11/337.
Checker's Note: Saheeh, Abu Daawood and Ibn Maajah, Silsilatul Ahadeeth as-Saheehah: 1535.
[23] Ahmad, Musnad, 5/149; similar Hadeeth in Abu Daawood, Abwaab al-Fitan wa'l-Malaahim, (Hadeeth 4241), 11-340, 343.
Checker's Note: Saheeh, al-Irwa, no: 2451.
[24] Ahmad, Musnad, 5/149. Muslim, Kitaab al-Imaarah, 6-18. Ibn Maajah, Kitaab al-Fitan (Hadeeth 3956), 2/1306, 1037. an-Nasaa'ee, Kitaab al-Bay'ah (shorter version), 7-152,153. Abu Daawood, Kitab al-Fitan (shorted version), Hadeeth 4429, 11-319.
Checker's Note: Saheeh, Silsilatul Ahadeeth as-Saheehah: 241.
[25] Ahmad, Musnad. 2/163.
Checker's Note: Da`eef, Silsilatul Ahaadeeth ad-Da`eefah: 1264. Its isnaad contains the `an`anah of Abu Zubair, but its last part ("Among my Ummah ...") is supported. See Silsilatul Ahadeeth as-Saheehah: 1787

The Signs and Portents of the Hour
'Abd Allaah ibn 'Amr said,
"I went to the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) one day whilst he was performing Wudoo' (ablution) slowly and carefully. He raised his head, looked at me and said, 'Six things will happen to this Ummah: the death of your Prophet - 'and when I heard that I was aghast,' - this is the first. The second is that your wealth will increase so much that if a man were given ten thousand, he would still not be content with it. The third is that tribulation will enter the house of every one of you. The fourth is that sudden death will be widespread. The fifth is a peace-treaty between you and the Romans: they will gather troops against you for nine months - like a woman's period of childbearing - then they will be the first to break the treaty. The sixth is the conquest of a city.' I asked, 'O Messenger of Allaah, which city?' He said, 'Constantinople.' " [Ahmad] [1]
Abu Hurayrah said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'Hasten to do good deeds before six things happen: the rising of the sun from the West, the smoke, the Dajjaal, the beast, the (death) of one of you, or general tribulation.' " [Ahmad, Muslim] [2]
Hudhayfah ibn 'Ubayd said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) came upon us whilst, we were busy in discussion. He asked us, 'What are you talking about?' We said, 'We are discussing the Hour.' He said, 'It will not come until you see ten signs: the smoke, the Dajjaal, the beast, the sun rising from the West, the descent of Jesus son of Mary, Gog and Magog, and three land-slides - one in the East, one in the West, and one in Arabia, at the end of which fire will burst forth from the direction of Aden (Yemen) and drive peopl eto the place of their final assembly.' " [Ahmad] [3]

Footnotes
[1] Ahmad, Musnad, 2/174.
Checker's Note: Da`eef, Musnad Imaam Ahmad, checking by Ahmad Shakir: 6623. Weak hadeeth due to Abra lamah al-Kalbi.
[2] Muslim, Kitaab al-Fitan, 8/207, Ahmad, Musnad, 2/337, 372.
[3] Muslim, Kitaab al-Fitan, 8/179.
Checker's Note: Wrong spelling, Ibn `Ubayd should be Ibn Usayd. Reported by Muslim, not by Ahmad as main text states.
The Battle with the Romans
After the battle with the Romans, which ended with the conquest of Constantinople, the Dajjaal will appear, and Jesus son of Mary will

descend from Heaven to the earth, to the white minaret in the east of Damascus, at the time of Salaat al-Fajr (the morning prayer), as we shall see in the Saheeh Traditions.
Dhoo Mukhammar said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'You will make a peace-treaty with the Romans, and together you will invade an enemy beyond Rome. You will be victorious and take much booty. Then you will camp in a hilly pasture; one of the Roman men will come and raise a cross and say "Victory to the Cross", so one of the Muslims will come and kill him. Then the Romans will break the treaty, and there will be a battle. They will gather an army against you and come against you with eighty banners, each banner followed by 10,000 men.' " [Ahmad, Abu Daawood, Ibn Maajah] [1]
Yusayr ibn Jaabir said,
"Once there was a red storm in Kufah. A man came who had nothing to say except, 'O 'Abd Allaah ibn Mas'ood, has the Hour come?' 'Abd Allaah was sitting reclining against something, and said, 'The Hour will not come until people will not divide inheritance, nor rejoice over booty.' Pointing towards Syria, he said, 'An enemy will gather forces against the Muslims and the Muslims will gather forces against them.' I asked, 'Do you mean the Romans?' He said, 'Yes. At that time there will be very heavy fighting. The Muslims will prepare a detachment to fight to the death; they will not return unless they are victorious. They will fight until night intervenes. Both sides will return without being victorious; then many will be killed on both sides. On the fourth day, the Muslims who are left will return to the fight, and Allaah will cause the enemy to be routed. There will be a battle the like of which has never been seen, so that even if a bird were to pass their ranks, it would fall down dead before it reached the end of them. Out of a family of one hundred, only one man will survive, so how could he enjoy the booty or divide any inheritance? While they are in this state, they will hear of an even worse calamity. A cry will reach them: "The Dajjaal has taken your place among your offspring." So they will throw away whatever is in their hands and go forward, sending 10 horsemen as a scouting party. The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'I know their names, and the names of their fathers, and the colours of their horses. They will be the best horsemen on the face of the earth on that day.' " [Ahmad, Muslim] [2]
Abu Hurayrah said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'The Hour will not come until the Romans camp at al-A'mash or Dabeeq. An army,

composed of the best people on earth at that time, will come out from Madinah to meet them. When they have arranged themselves in ranks, the Romans will say, 'Do not stand between us and those who took prisoners from amongst us. Let us fight with them.' The Muslims will say, 'No, by Allaah, we will never stand aside from you and our brothers.' Then they will fight. One-third will runaway, and Allaah will never forgive them. One-third will be killed, and they will be the best of martyrs in Allaah's sight. One-third, who will never be subjected to trials or tribulations, will win, and will conquer Constantinople. Whilst they are sharing out the booty, after hanging their swords on the olive-trees, Satan will shout to them that the Dajjaal has taken their place among their families. When they come to Syria, the Dajjaal will appear, while they are preparing for battle and drawing up the ranks. When the time for prayer comes, Jesus the son of Mary will descend and lead them in prayer. When the enemy of Allaah (i.e. the Dajjaal) sees him, he will start to dissolve like salt in water, but Allaah will kill him.' " [Muslim] [3]
The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said,
"The Hour will not come until the furthest border of the Muslims will be in Bulaa." Then he said, "O 'Alee!" 'Alee said, "May my father and mother be sacrificed for you!" The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, "You will fight the Romans, and those who come after you will fight them, until the best people among the Muslims, the people of al-Hijaaz, will go out to fight them, fearing nothing but Allaah. They will conquer Constantinople with Tasbeeh and Takbeer (saying "Subhaan Allaah" and "Allaahu Akbar"), and they will obtain booty the like of which has never been seen - they will share it out by scooping it up with their sheilds. Someone will come and say, 'The Dajjaal has appeared in your land', but he will be lying. Anyone who takes notice of him will regret it, and anyone who ignores him will regret it." [Ibn Maajah] [4]
Naafi' ibn 'Utbah said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'You will attack Arabia, and Allaah will enable you to conquer it. Then you will attack Persia, and Allaah will enable you to conquer it. Then you will attack Rome, and Allaah will enable you to conquer it. Then you will attack the Dajjaal, and Allaah will enable you to conquer him.' " [Muslim] [5]
When Mustawrid al-Qurashee was sitting with 'Amr ibn al-'Aas, he said, "I heard the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) say, 'The Hour will come when the Romans will be in the majority.' 'Amr asked him, "What are you saying?" He said, "I am repeating that which I heard from the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam)." 'Amr said, "If you say this, it is

true, because they have four good characteristics: they are the most able to cope with tribulation, the quickest to recover after disaster and to return to the fight after disaster, and are the best as far as treating the poor, weak and orphans is concerned. They have a fifth characteristic which is very good; they do not allow themselves to be oppressed by their kings." [6]
The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said,
"You will fight the Romans, and Believers from the Hijaaz will fight them after you, until Allaah enables them to conquer Constantinople and Rome with Tasbeeh and Takbeer ("Subhaan Allaah" and "Allaahu Akbar"). Its fortifications will collapse, and they will obtain booty the like of which has never been seen, so that they will share it out by scooping it up with their shields. Then someone will cry, 'O Muslims! The Dajjaal is in your country, with your families', and the people will leave the wealth. Anyone who takes notice will regret it and anyone who ignores it will regret it. They will ask, 'Who shouted?' but they will not know who he is. They will say, 'Send a vanguard to Ilyaa.' If the Dajjaal has appeared, you will hear about his deeds.' So they will go and see, and if they see that everything is normal, they will say, 'No-one would give a shout like that for no reason, so let us go together to Ilyaa'.' If we find the Dajjaal there we will fight him together, until Allaah decides between us and him. If we do not find the Dajjaal, we will go back to our country and our families.' " [7]
Mu'aadh ibn Jabal said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'The building of Bayt al-Maqdis (in Jerusalem) will be followed by the destruction of Yathrib (Madeenah), which will be followed by the conquest of Constantinople, which will be followed by the appearance of the Dajjaal.' Then he put his hand on the thigh or the shoulder of the one with whom he was speaking (i.e. Mu'aadh), and said, 'This is as true as the fact that you are here (or as true as you are sitting here).' " [8]
This does not mean that Madeenah will be destroyed completely before the appearance of the Day, but that will happen at the end of time, as we shall see in some authentic Ahaadeeth. But the building of Bayt al-Maqdis will be the cause of the destruction of Madeenah, as it was proven in the Hadeeth that the Dajjaal will not be able to enter Madinah. He will be prevented from doing so because it is surrounded by angles bearing unsheathed swords. [9]
Abu Hurayrah said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said about Madeenah: 'Neither plague nor the Dajjaal can enter it.' " [Bukhaaree] [10]

Footnotes
[1] Similar Hadeeth in Abu Daawood, Kitaab al-Malaahim, (Hadeeth 4271), 11/397/399. Ibn Maajah, Kitab al-Fitan (Hadeeth 4089), 2/1369. Ahmad, Musnad, 9104.
Checker's Note: Saheeh, Saheeh al-Jami as-Sagheer: 3612.
[2] Muslim, Kitaab al-Fitan, 8/177, 178. Ahmad, Musnad, 1/384, 385.
[3] Muslim, Kitaab al-Fitan, 8 - 175, 176.
Al-A'mash is a place outside the city, and Dabeeq is a market-place in the city. "The city" refers to Aleppo (some say Damascus).
[4] Ibn Maajah, Kitaab al-Fitan (Hadeeth 4094), 2 - 1370.
The one who believes the liar will regret it, because he will find that the Dajjaal is not there. The one who does not believe him will regret it because the Dajjaal will appear soon afterwards.
Checker's Note: Fabricated. The reason is Kathir ibn `Abdillah, who is declared a liar by Abu Daawood and Shaafi'ee. He narrates a fabricated collection of hadeeth.
[5] Muslim, Kitaab al-Fitan wa Ashtaar al-Saa'ah, 8 - 178. Ibn Maajah, Baab al-Malaahim (Hadeeth 4091), 2 - 1380.
[6] Muslim, Kitaab al-Fitaan, 8 - 176.
[7] Al-Haythamee, Majma' al-Zawaa'id. Ibn Maajah, 7:248.
Checker's Note: Fabricated. Same reasons as the previous one. Reported by al-Bazzar, Kashful Astar bi Zawa'id al-Bazzar of al-Haythamee: 3386.
[8] Hasan, al-Mishkat, 1st checking: 5424.
[9] Abu Daawood, Kitaab al-Malaahim (Hadeeth 4273), 11 - 400, 401; Ahmad, Musnad, 5/245.
Checker's Note: Hasan.
[10] Bukhaaree, Kitaab al-Fitan, 9/76.

The Appearance of the Dajjaal

First of all, we will quote the reports which mention the liars and "dajjaals" who will precede the coming of the Dajjaal, or Antichrist, who will be the last of them; may Allaah curse them and punish them with Hell-fire.
Jaabir ibn Samurah said,
"I heard the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) say, 'Just before the Hour there will be many liars.' " Jaabir said, "Be on your guard against them." [Muslim] [1]
Jaabir said,
"I heard the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) say, 'Just before the Hour there will be many liars; among them is the one in al-Yamamah, the

'Ansi in San'a', the one in Himyar, and the Dajjaal. This will be the greatest fitnah.' " [Ahmad] [2]
Abu Hurayrah said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'The Hour will not come ... until nearly 30 "dajjaals" (liars) appear, each one claiming to be a messenger from Allaah.' " [Bukhaaree and Muslim] [3]
Abu Hurayrah said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'The Hour will not come until 30 "dajjaals" appear, each of them claiming to be a messenger from Allaah, wealth increases, tribulations appear and al-Harj increases.' Someone asked, 'What is al-Harj?' He said, 'Killing, killing.' " [Ahmad] [4]
Abu Hurayrah said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'The Hour will not come until 30 "dajjaals" appear, all of them lying about Allaah and His Messenger.' " [Abu Daawood] [5]
Abu Hurayrah said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'Just before the Hour, there will be thirty "dajjaals", each of whom will say, I am a Prophet.' " [Ahmad] [6]
Abu Hurayrah said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'There will be "dajjaals" and liars among my Ummah. They will tell you something new, which neither you nor your forefathers have heard. Be on your guard against them, and do not let them lead you astray.' " [Ahmad] [7]
Thawbaan said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'There will be thirty liars among my Ummah. Each one will claim that he is a prophet; but I am the last of the Prophets (Seal of the Prophets), and there will be no Prophet after me.' " [Ahmad] [8]
The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said,
"Verily before the Day of Resurrection there will appear the Dajjaal, and thirty or more liars." [Ahmad] [9]
Ibn 'Umar said,
"I heard the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) say, 'Among my Ummah there will be more than seventy callers, each of whom will be calling people to Hell-fire. If I wished, I could tell you their names and tribes.' " [10]
Abu Bakrah said,
"The people spoke a great deal against Musaylimah before the Prophet

(sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said anything about him. Then the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) got up to give a speech and said: '...as for this man about whom you have spoken so much - he is one of the thirty liars who will appear before the Hour, and there is no town which will not feel the fear of the Antichrist.' " [Ahmad] [11]
In another version of this report, the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said,
"He is one of the thirty liars who will appear before the Dajjaal. There is no town which will escape the fear of the Dajjaal, apart from Madeenah. At that time there will be two angels at every entrance of Madeenah, warding off the fear of the Antichrist." [12]
Anas ibn Malik said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'The time of the Dajjaal will be years of confusion. People will believe a liar, and disbelieve one who tells the truth. People will distrust one who is trustworthy, and trust one who is treacherous; and the Ruwaybidah will have a say.' Someone asked, 'Who are the Ruwaybidah?' He said, 'Those who rebel against Allaah and will have a say in general affairs.' " [Ahmad] [13]

Footnotes
[1] Muslim, Kitaab al-Fitan, 8/189.
[2] Ahmad, Musnad, 3/345.
Checker's Note: Ahmad's isnaad contains Ibn Lahi'ah who reports by way of `an, as does Abu Zubair. Al-Bazzar's isnaad contains `Abdur-Rahman ibn Maghra and Mujaahid ibn Sa`eed. Majma' az-Zawaid of al-Haythamee: 7/335. The status of the hadeeth is unknown as no muhaddith, as far as we know, has given a definite verdict.
[3] See Part 7, where the Hadeeth is quoted in full.
[4] Ahmad, Musnad, 2 - 457.
Checker's Note: Saheeh.
[5] Ahmad, Musnad, 2/450.
Checker's Note: Hasan, Saheeh Abee Daawood: 3643.
[6] Ahmad, Musnad, 2/429.
Checker's Note: Saheeh, Silsilatul Ahadeeth as-Saheehah: 1683.
[7] Ahmad, Musnad, 20/349.
Checker's Note: Da`eef isnaad, but Muslim reports similar wording.
[8] Ahmad, Musnad, 5/46.
Checker's Note: Saheeh. Wrong reference, Ahmad, Musnad, 5/46, should be Ahmad, Musnad, 5/278.

[9] Ahmad, Musnad, 2/95.
Checker's Note: Hasan, Silsilatul Ahadeeth as-Saheehah: 1683, Musnad Imaam Ahmad, checking by Ahmad Shakir: 5694.
[10] Da`eef. Reported by Abu Ya'la. Its isnaad contains Laith ibn Abee Sulaim.
[11] Ahmad, Musnad, 5/41, 46.
Checker's Note: Saheeh, Majma' az-Zawaid of al-Haythamee: 7/335.
[12] Ahmad, Musnad, 5/46.
Checker's Note: Saheeh, Musnad Imaam Ahmad, checking by Ahmad Shakir: 5/41. It is part of no. 10 above, which is not given in full in the book.
[13] Ahmad, Musnad, 3/220.
Checker's Note: Saheeh. Its isnaad is hasan and is further supported, Silsilatul Ahadeeth as-Saheehah: 1887, Kashful Astar bi Zawa'id al-Bazzar of al-Haythamee: 3373.
Ahaadeeth about the Dajjaal
'Abd Allaah ibn 'Umar said,
"'Umar ibn al-Khattab went along with the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) and a group of people to Ibn Sayyaad, and found him playing with some children near the battlement of Banoo Maghaalah. At that time Ibn Sayyaad was on the threshold of adolescence; he did not realise that anybody was near until the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) struck him on the back. The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said to him: 'Do you bear witness than I am the Messenger of Allaah?' Ibn Sayyaad looked at him and said, 'I bear witness that you are the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) of the unlettered.' Then Ibn Sayyaad said to the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam), 'Do you bear witness that I am the Messenger of Allaah?' The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) dismissed this and said, 'I believe in Allaah and His Messengers.' Then the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) asked him, 'What do you see?' Ibn Sayyaad said, 'Sometimes a truthful person comes to me, and sometimes a liar.' The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said to him, 'You are confused', then he said, 'I am hiding something from you.' Ibn Sayyaad said, 'It is Dukh.' The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'Silence! You will not be able to go beyond your rank.' 'Umar ibn al-Khattab said, 'O Messenger of Allaah, shall I cut off his head?' The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'If he is (the Dajjaal) you will not be able to overpower him, and if he is not, then killing will not do you any good.' "
Saleem ibn 'Abd Allaah said,

"I heard 'Abd Allaah ibn 'Umar say, 'After that, the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) and Ubayy ibn Ka'b went along to the palm trees where Ibn Sayyaad was. The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) started to hide behind a tree, with the intention of hearing something from Ibn Sayyaad before Ibn Sayyaad saw him. The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) saw him lying on a bed, murmuring beneath a blanket. Ibn Sayyaad's mother saw the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) hiding behind a tree, and said to her son, "O Saf (Ibn Sayyaad's first name), here is Muhammad!" Ibn Sayyad jumped up, and the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, "If you had left him alone, he would have explained himself." "
Saleem said,
"Abd Allaah ibn'Umar said, The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) stood up to address the people. He praised Allaah as He deserved to be praised, then he spoke about the Dajjaal: 'I warn you against him; there is no Prophet who has not warned his people against him, even Noah warned his people against him. But I will tell you something which no other Prophet has told his people. You must know that the Dajjaal is one-eyed, and Allaah is not one-eyed.' "
Ibn Shihaab said:
"'Umar ibn Thaabit al-Ansaaree told me that some of the Companions of the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) told him that on the day when he warned the people about the Dajjaal, the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said: 'There will be written between his eyes the word Kaafir (unbeliever). Everyone who resents his bad deeds - or every believer - will be able to read it.' He also said, 'You must know that no one of you will be able to see his Lord until he dies.' " [Muslim, Bukhaaree] [1]
Ibn 'Umar said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) mentioned the Dajjaal to the people. He said, 'Allaah is not one-eyed, but the Dajjaal is blind in his right eye, and his eye is like a floating grape.' " [Muslim] [2]
Anas ibn Malik said,
"TheProphet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'There has never been a Prophet who did not warn his people against that one-eyed liar. Verily he is one-eyed and your Lord is not one-eyed. On his forehead will be written the letter Kaf, Fa, Ra (Kaafir).' " [Muslim, Bukhaaree] [3]
Hudhayfah said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'I know more about the powers which the Dajjaal will have than he will know himself. He will have two flowing rivers: one will appear to be pure water, and the other

will appear to be flaming fire. Whosoever lives to see that, let him choose the river which seems to be fire, then let him close his eyes, lower his head and drink from it, for it will be cold water. The Dajjaal will be one-eyed; the place where one eye should be will be covered by a piece of skin. On his forehead will be written the word Kaafir,and every believer, whether literate or illiterate, will be able to read it.' " [Muslim] [4]
Abu Hurayrah said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'Shall I tell you something about the Dajjaal which no Prophet has ever told his people before me? The Dajjaal is one-eyed and will bring with him something which will resemble Paradise and Hell; but that which he calls Paradise will in fact be Hell. I warn you against him as Noah warned his people against him.' " [Bukhaaree, Muslim] [5]
Muhammad ibn Munkadir said:
"I saw Jaabir ibn 'Abd Allaah swearing by Allaah that Ibn Sayyaad was the Dajjaal, so I asked him, 'Do you swear by Allaah?' He said, 'I heard 'Umar swear to that effect in the presence of the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam), and the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) did not disapprove of it.' " [6]
Some 'ulamaa' (scholars) say that some of the Sahaabah (Companions of the Prophet) believed Ibn Sayyaad to be the greater Dajjaal, but that is not the case: Ibn Sayyaad was a lesser dajjal.
Ibn Sayyaad travelled between Makkah and Madeenah with Abu Sa'eed, and complained to him about the way that people were saying that he was the Dajjaal. Then he said to Abu Sa'eed,
"Did not the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) say that the Dajjaal would not enter Madinah? I was born there. Did not he say that he would not have any children? - I have children. Did not he say that he would be a Kaafir? - I have embraced Islaam. Of all the people, I know the most about him: I know where he is now. If I were given the opportunity to be in his place, I would not resent it.' " [Bukhaaree, Muslim]
There are many Ahaadeeth about Ibn Sayyaad, some of which are not clear as to whether he was the Dajjaal or not. We shall see Ahaadeeth which indicates that the Dajjaal is not Ibn Sayyaad, as in the Hadeeth of Faatimah Bint Qays al-Fahriyyah, although this does not mean that he was not one of the lesser Dajjaal; but Allaah knows best.

Footnotes
[1] Bukhaaree, Kitaab al-Adab, 8/49, 50. Muslim, Kitaab al-Fitan, 8/192, 193.

Ibn Sayyaad's [or Ibn Sa'eed's] first name was Saaf. He had some characteristics similar to those ascribed to the Dajjaal. When he was young, he was like a Kaahin (soothsayer) - sometimes he spoke the truth, sometimes he lied. When he grew up, he embraced Islaam and displayed some good characteristics, but later he changed, and it was said that his behaviour might indicate that he was the Dajjaal. But the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) had not received any Wahy (revelation) to that effect, so he told 'Umar: "If he is [the Dajjaal] you will not be able to overpower him."
Banoo Maghaalah: if you stand facing the Masjid al-Nabawee, (the Prophet's Mosque in Madeenah), everything on your right is the territory of Banoo Maghaalah.
Dukh: i.e. al-Dukhaan (smoke). The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) was thinking of the Aayah,
"Then wait you for the Day when the sky will bring forth a visible smoke." [ad-Dukhaan (44):10]
"… with the intention of hearing something…" in other words, the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) wanted to eavesdrop on Ibn Sayyaad so that he and his companions could find out whether he was a soothsayer (kaahin) or a sorcerer.
"if you had left him alone, he would have had explained himself": i.e., if his mother had not told him that the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) was there, then the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) would have found out what he was - a soothsayer or a sorcerer.
[2] Muslim, Kitaab al-Fitan, 8/194, 195.
"His eye is like a floating grape" - this means that, his eye will protrude and there will be some kind of brightness in it.
[3] Muslim, ibid. Bukhaaree, Kitaab al-Fitan, 9/75, 76.
"On his forehead will be written the letters Kaaf, Faa', Raa' " - this indicates that he will call people to Kufr, not the right path, so we must avoid him. The fact that Muslims will be able to identify him as a Kaafir is a great blessing from Allaah to this Ummah.
[4] Muslim, ibid. Shorter version in Bukhaaree, Kitaab al-Fitan, 9/75.
[5] Bukhaaree, Kitaab al-Anbiyaa, 4/75. Muslim, Kitaab al-Fitan, 8/196.
[6] Muslim, Kitaab al-Fitan, 8/192.
The Hadeeth of Faatimah bint Qays
'Aamir ibn Sharaaheel Sha'bi Sha'b Hamdaan reported that he asked Faatimah bint Qays, the sister of Dahhaak ibn Qays,who was one of the first Muhaajiraat,
"Tell me a Hadeeth which you heard directly from the Prophet (sal-

Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) with no narrator in between." She said, "I can tell you if you like." He said, "Yes, please tell me." She said,
"I married Ibn al-Mugheerah, who was one of the best of the youth of Quraysh in those days. But he fell in the first Jihaad on the side of the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam).
"When I became a widow, 'Abd al-Rahmaan ibn 'Awf, one of the companions of the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) sent me a proposal of marriage. The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) also sent me a proposal of marriage on behalf of his freedman Usaamah ibn Zayd. I had been told that the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) had said, 'He who loves me should also love Usaamah.' When the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) spoke to me, I said, 'It is up to you: marry me to whomever you wish.'
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'Go and stay with Umm Shareek.' Umm Shareek was a rich Ansaaree (Muslim originally from Madeenah) woman, who spent much in the way of Allaah ande ntertained many guests. I said, 'I will do as you wish.' Then he said, 'Don't go. Umm Shareek has many guests, and I would not like it if your head or leg were to become uncovered accidentally and people saw something you would not wish them to see. It is better if you go and stay with your cousin 'Abd Allaah ibn 'Amr ibn Umm Maktoom' (Abd Allaah was of the Banoo Fihr of Quraysh, the same tribe as that to which Faatimah belonged).
"So I went to stay with him, and when I had completed my 'Iddah (period of waiting), I heard the Prophet's (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) announcer calling for congregational prayer. I went out to the mosque, and prayed behind the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam). I was in the women's row, which was at the back of the congregation. When the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) had finished his prayer, he sat on the pulpit, smiling, and said, 'Everyone should stay in his place.' Then he said, 'Do you know why I had asked you to assemble?' The people said, 'Allaah and His Messenger know best.'
"He said, 'By Allaah, I have not gathered you here to give you an exhortation or a warning. I have kept you here because Tameem ad-Daaree, a Christian man who has come and embraced Islaam, told me something which agrees with that which I have told you about the Dajjaal. He told me that he had sailed in a ship with thirty men from Banoo Lakhm and Banoo Judhaam. The waves had tossed them about for a month, then they were brought near to an island, at the time of sunset. They landed on the island, and were met by a beast who was so hairy that they

could not tell its front from its back. They said, "Woe to you! What are you?" It said, "I am al-Jassaasah." They said, "What is al-Jassaasah?" It said, "O people, go to this man in the monastery, for he is very eager to know about you." Tameem said that when it named a person to us, we were afraid lest it be a devil.

"Tamim said, 'We quickly went to the monastery. There we found a huge man with his hands tied up to his neck and with iron shackles between his legs up to the ankles. We said, "Woe to you, who are you?" He said, "You will soon know about me. Tell me who you are." We said, "We are people from Arabia. We sailed in a ship, but the waves have been tossing us about for amonth, and they brought us to your island, where we met a beast who was so hairy that we could not tell its front from its back. We said to it, "Woe to you! What are you?" and it said, "I am al-Jassaasah." We asked, "Whatis al-Jassaasah?" and it told us, "Go to this man in the monastery, for he is very eager to know about you." So we came to you quickly, fearing that it might be a devil.'

"The man said, 'Tell me about the date-palms of Baysaan.' We said, 'What do you want to know about them?' He said, 'I want to know whether these trees bear fruit or not.' We said, 'Yes.' He said, 'Soon they will not bear fruit.' Then he said, 'Tell me about the lake of at-Tabariyyah [Tiberias, in Palestine].' We said, 'What do you want to know about it?' He asked, 'Is there water in it?' We said, 'There is plenty of water in it.' He said, 'Soon it will become dry.' Then he said, 'Tell me about the spring of Zughar.' We said, 'What do you want to know about it?' He said, 'Is there water in it, and does it irrigate the land?' We said, 'Yes, there is plenty of water in it, and the people use it to irrigate the land.'

"Then he said, 'Tell me about the unlettered Prophet - what has he done?' We said, 'He has left Makkah and settled in Yathrib.' He asked, 'Do the Arabs fight against him?' We said, 'Yes.' He said, 'How does he deal with them?' So we told him that the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) had overcome the Arabs around him and that they had followed him. He asked, 'Has it really happened?' We said, 'Yes.' He said, 'It is better for them if they follow him. Now I will tell you about myself. Iam the Dajjaal. I will soon be permitted to leave this place: I will emerge and travel about the earth. In forty nights I will pass through every town, except Makkah and Madeenah, for these have been forbidden to me. Every time I try to enter either of them, I will be met by an angel bearing an unsheathed sword, who will prevent me from entering. There will be angels guarding them at every passage leading to them.'

Faatimah said, "The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam), striking the

pulpit with his staff, said: 'This is Tayyibah, this is Tayyibah, this is Tayyibah, [i.e. Madeenah]. Have I not told you something like this?' The people said, 'Yes.' He said, 'I liked the account given to me by Tameem because it agrees with that which I have told you about the Dajjaal, and about Makkah and Madeenah. Indeed he is in the Syrian sea or the Yemen sea. No, on the contrary, he is in the East, he is in the East, he is in the East' and he pointed towards the East. Faatimah said: I memorised this from the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam)." [Muslim] [1]
'Abd Allaah ibn 'Umar said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'While I was asleep, I saw myself in a dream performing Tawaaf (circumambulation) around the Ka'bah. I saw a ruddy man with lank hair and water dripping from his head. I said, "Who is he?" and they said, "The son of Mary." Then I turned around and saw another man with a huge body, red complexion, curly hair and one eye. His other eye looked like a floating grape. They said, "This is the Dajjaal." The one who most resembles him is Ibn Qatan, a man from the tribe of al-Khuzaa'ah'.' " [Bukhaaree, Muslim] [2]
Jaabir ibn 'Abd Allaah said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'The Dajjaal will appear at the end of time, when religion is taken lightly. He will have forty days in which to travel throughout the earth. One of these days will be like a year, another will be like a month, a third will be like a week, and the rest will be like normal days. He will be riding a donkey; the width between its ears will be forty cubits. He will say to the people: "I am your lord." He is one-eyed, but your Lord is not one-eyed. On his forehead will be written the word Kaafir, and every believer, literate or illiterate, will be able to read it. He will go everywhere except Makkah and Madeenah, which Allaah has forbidden to him; angels stand at their gates. He will have a mountain of bread, and the people will face hardship, except for those who follow him. He will have two rivers, and I know what is in them. He will call one Paradise and one Hell. Whoever enters the one he calls Paradise will find that it is Hell, and whoever enters the one he calls Hell will find that it is Paradise. Allaah will send with him devils who will speak to the people. He will bring a great tribulation; he will issue a command to the sky and it will seem to the people as if it is raining. Then he will appear to kill someone and bring him back to life. After that he will no longer have this power. The people will say, "Can anybody do something like this except the Lord?" The Muslims will flee to Jabal al-Dukhaan in Syria, and the Dajjaal will come and besiege them. The siege will intensify and they will suffer great hardship. Then Jesus son of Mary will

descend, and will call the people at dawn: "O people, what prevented you from coming out to fight this evil liar?" They will answer, "He is a Jinn." Then they will go out, and find Jesus son of Mary. The time for prayer will come, and the Muslims will call on Jesus to lead the prayer, but he will say, "Let your Imaam lead the prayer." Their Imaam will lead them in praying Salaat al-Subh (Morning prayer), then they will go out to fight the Dajjaal. When the liar sees Jesus, he will dissolve like salt in water. Jesus will go to him and kill him, and he will not let anyone who followed him live.' " [Ahmad] [3]

Footnotes
[1] Muslim, Kitaab al- Fitan, 8/203-205.
Al-Jassaasah is so called because he spies on behalf of the Dajjaal (from jassa - to try to gain information, to spy out, etc.).
Baysaan - a village in Palestine.
'Ayn Zughar (the spring of Zughar) is a town in Palestine.
[2] Bukhaaree, Kitaab al-Fitan, 9/75. Muslim, Kitaab al-Imaan, 1/108.
[3] Ahmad, Musnad, 3/367, 368.
Checker's Note: Da`eef. Silsilatul Ahaadieeh ad-Da`eefah: 1969. It contains the `an`anah of Abu Zubair. Parts are found in authentic narrations. Refer to Dajjaal section in Saheeh Muslim.
The Hadeeth of Al-Nuwas Ibn Sam'an Al-Kilabi
Al-Nuwas ibn Saman said,
"One morning the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) spoke about the Dajjaal. Sometimes he described him as insignificant, and sometimes he described him as so dangerous that we thought he was in the clump of date-palms nearby. When we went to him later on, he noticed that fear in our faces, and asked, 'What is the matter with you?' We said, 'O Messenger of Allaah, this morning you spoke of the Dajjaal; sometimes you described him as insignificant, and sometimes you described him as being so dangerous that we thought he was in the clump of date-palms nearby.
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'I fear for you in other matters besides the Dajjaal. If he appears whilst I am among you, I will contend with him on your behalf. But if he appears while I am not among you, then each man must contend with him on his own behalf, and Allaah will take care of every Muslim on my behalf. The Dajjaal will be a young man, with short, curly hair, and one eye floating. I would liken him to 'Abd al-Uzzaa ibn Qatan. Whoever amongst you lives to see him should recite the opening Ayaat of Surat al-Kahf. He will appear on the way between

Syria and Iraq, and will create disaster left and right. O servants of Allaah, adhere to the Path of Truth.' "
"We said, 'O Messenger of Allaah, for the day which is like a year, will one days prayers be sufficient?' He said, 'No, you must make an estimate of the time, and then observe the prayers.' "
"We asked, 'O Messenger of Allaah, how quickly will he walk upon the earth?' He said, 'Like a cloud driven by the wind. He will come to the people and call them (to a false religion), and they will believe in him and respond to him. He will issue a command to the sky, and it will rain; and to the earth, and it will produce crops. After grazing on these crops, their animals will return with their udders full of milk and their flanks stretched. Then he will come to another people and will call them (to a false religion), but they will reject his call. He will depart from them; they will suffer famine and will possess nothing in the form of wealth. Then he will pass through the wasteland and will say, Bring forth your treasures, and the treasures will come forth, like swarms of bees. Then he will call a man brimming with youth; he will strike him with a sword and cut him in two, then place the two pieces at the distance between an archer and his target. Then he will call him, and the young man will come running and laughing.' "
"At that point, Allaah will send the Messiah, son of Mary, and he will descend to the white minaret in the east of Damascus, wearing two garments dyed with saffron, placing his hands on the wings of two angels. When he lowers his head, beads of perspiration will fall from it, and when he raises his head, beads like pearls will scatter from it. Every Kaafir who smells his fragrance will die, and his breath will reach as far as he can see. He will search for the Dajjaal until he finds him at the gate of Ludd, where he will kill him."
"Then a people whom Allaah has protected will come to Jesus son of Mary, and he will wipe their faces (i.e. wipe the traces of hardship from their faces) and tell them of their status in Paradise. At that time Allaah will reveal to Jesus: "I have brought forth some of My servants whom no-one will be able to fight. Take My servants safely to at-Toor."
"Then Allaah will send Gog and Magog, and they will swarm down from every slope. The first of them will pass by the Lake of Tiberias, and will drink some of its water; the last of them will pass by it and say, "There used to be water here." Jesus, the Prophet of Allaah, and his Companions will be besieged until a bull's head will be dearer to them than one hundred dinars are to you nowadays."
"Then Jesus and his Companions will pray to Allaah, and He will send

insects who will bite the people of Gog and Magog on their necks, so that in the morning they will all perish as one. Then Jesus and his Companions will come down and will not find any nook or cranny on earth which is free from their putrid stench. Jesus and his Companions will again pray to Allaah, Who will send birds like the necks of camels; they will seize the bodies of Gog and Magog and throw them wherever Allaah wills. Then Allaah will send rain which no house or tent will be able to keep out, and the earth will be cleansed, until it will look like a mirror. Then the earth will be told to bring forth its fruit and restore its blessing. On that day, a group of people will be able to eat from a single pomegranate and seek shelter under its skin (i.e. the fruit would be so big). A milch camel will give so much milk that a whole party will be able to drink from it; a cow will give so much milk that a whole tribe will be able to drink from it; and a milch-sheep will give so much milk that a whole family will be able to drink from it. At that time, Allaah will send a pleasant wind which will soothe them even under their armpits, and will take the soul of every Muslim. Only the most wicked people will be left, and they will fornicate like asses; then the Last Hour will come upon them." " [Muslim] [1]

Footnote
[1] Muslim, Kitaab al-Fitan wa Ashraat al-Saa'ah, 8/196-199.
Ludd: the biblical Lydda, now known as Lod, site of the zionist state's major airport
Hadeeth narrated from Abu Umaamah Al-Baahilee
Abu Umaamah al-Baahilee said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) delivered a speech to us, most of which dealt with the Dajjaal and warned us against him. He said, 'No tribulation on earth since the creation of Adam will be worse than the tribulation of the Dajjaal. Allaah has never sent a Prophet who did not warn his Ummah against the Dajjaal. I am the last of the Prophets, and you are the last Ummah. The Dajjaal is emerging among you and it is inevitable. If he appears while I am still among you, I will contend with him on behalf of every Muslim. But if he appears after I am gone, then every person must contend with him on his own behalf. He will appear on the way between Syria and Iraq, and will spread disaster right and left. O servants of Allaah adhere to the path of Truth. I shall describe him for you in a way that no Prophet has ever done before.
He will start by saying that he is a Prophet, but there will be no Prophet after me. Then he will say, "I am your Lord," but you will never see your

Lord until you die. The Dajjaal is one-eyed, but your Lord, glorified be He, is not one-eyed. On his forehead will be written the word Kaafir, which every Muslim, literate or illiterate, will be able to read. Among that which he will bring will be the Paradise and Hell he will offer; but that which he calls Hell will be Paradise, and that which he calls Paradise will be Hell. Whoever enters his Hell, let him seek refuge with Allaah and recite the opening Ayaat of Surat ul-Kahf, and it will become cool and peaceful for him, as the fire became cool and peaceful for Abraham.
"He will say to a Bedouin, What do you think if I bring your father and mother back to life for you? Will you bear witness that I am your lord? The Bedouin will say Yes, so two devils will assume the appearance of his father and mother, and will say, "O my son, follow him for he is your lord."
"He will be given power over one person, whom he will kill and cut in two with a saw. Then he will say, Look at this slave of mine, now I will resurrect him, but he will still claim that he has a Lord other than me. Allaah will resurrect him, and this evil man (the Dajjaal) will say to him, Who is your Lord? The man will answer, 'My Lord is Allaah, and you are the enemy of Allaah. You are the Dajjaal. By Allaah, I have never been more sure of this than I am today.' "
Aboo Sa'eed said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'That man will have the highest status among my Ummah in Paradise.' "
Abu Sa'eed said,
"By Allaah, we never thought that that man would be any other than 'Umar ibn al-Khattab, until he passed away."
Al-Muhaaribee said:
"Then we referred to the Hadeeth of Abu Raafi'ee, which said, 'Part of his Fitnah will be the fact that he will pass through an area whose people will deny him, and none of their livestock will remain alive. Then he will pass through a second area whose people will believe in him; he will order the sky to rain and the earth to bring forth crops, and their flocks will return from grazing fatter than they have ever been, with their flanks stretched, their udders full. He will pass through every place on earth - except Makkah and Madeenah, which he will never enter, for there are angels guarding every gate of them with unsheathed swords - until he reaches al-Zareeb al-Ahmar and camps at the edge of the salt-marsh. Madeenah will be shaken by three tremors, after which every Munaafiq (hypocrite) will leave it, and it will be cleansed of evil, as iron is cleansed of dross. That day will be called Yawm al-Khalaas (The Day of Purification).' "

Umm Shareek bint Abee'l-'Akr said,
"O Messenger of Allaah, where will the Arabs be at that time?" He said, "At that time they will be few; most of them will be in Bayt al-Maqdis (Jerusalem), and their Imaam will be a righteous man. Whilst their Imaam is going forward to lead the people in praying Salaat al-Subh (themorning prayer), Jesus son of Mary will descend. The Imaam will step back, to let Jesus lead the people in prayer, but Jesus will place his hand between the man's shoulders and say, 'Go forward and lead the prayer, for the Iqaamah was made for you.' So the Imaam will lead the people in prayer, and afterwards Jesus (alayhi-salam) will say, 'Open the gate.' The gate will be opened, and behind it will be the Dajjaal and a thousand Jews, each of them bearing a sword and shield. When the Dajjaal sees Jesus, he will begin to dissolve like salt in water, and will run away. Jesus will say, 'You will remain alive until I strike you with my sword.' He will catch up with him at the eastern gate of Ludd and will kill him. The Jews will be deflated with the help of Allaah. There will be no place for them to hide; they will not be able to hide behind any stone, wall, animal or tree - except the boxthorn (al-Gharqarah) - without it saying, 'O Muslim servant of Allaah! here is a Jew, come and kill him!' " The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, "The time of the Dajjaal will be forty years; one year like half a year, one year like a month, and one month like a week. The rest of his days will pass so quickly that if one of you were at one of the gates of Madeenah, he would not reach the other gate before evening fell."
Someone asked,
"O Messenger of Allaah, how will wepray in those shorter days?" He said, "Workout the times of prayer in the same way that you do in these longer days, and then pray." The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, "Jesus son of Mary will be a just administrator and leader of my Ummah. He will break the cross, kill the pigs, and abolish the Jizyah (tax on non-Muslims). He will not collect the Sadaqah, so he will not collect sheep and camels. Mutual enmity and hatred will disappear. Every harmful animal will be made harmless, so that a small boy will be able to put his hand into a snakes mouth without being harmed,a small girl will be able to make a lion run away from her, and a wolf will go among sheep as if he were a sheepdog. The earth will be filled with peace as a container is filled with water. People will be in complete agreement, and only Allaah will be worshipped. Wars will cease, and the authority of Quraysh will be taken away. The earth will be like a silver basin, and will produce fruits so abundantly that a group of people will gather to eat a bunch of grapes or

on epomegranate and will be satisfied. A bull will be worth so much money, but a horse will be worth only a few dirhams."
Someone asked,
"O Messenger of Allaah, why will a horse be so cheap?" He said, "Because it will never be ridden in war." He was asked, "Why will the bull be so expensive?" He said, "Because it will plough the earth. For three years before the Dajjaal emerges, the people will suffer severe hunger. In the first year, Allaah will order the sky to withhold a third of its rain, and the earth to withhold two-thirds of its fruits. In the third year, He will order the sky to withhold all of its rain, and the earth to withhold all of its fruits, so that nothing green will grow. Every cloven-hoofed creature will die except for whatever Allaah wills." Someone asked, "How will the people live at that time?" He said, "By saying Laa ilaaha illaa Allaah, Allaahu Akbar, Subhaan Allaah and Al-Hamdu-lillaah. This will be like food for them." [1]
The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said,
"The Dajjaal will come forth, and one of the Believers will go towards him. The armed men of the Dajjaal will ask him, 'Where are you going?' He will say, 'I am going to this one who has come forth.' They will say, 'Kill him!' Then some of them will say to the others, 'Hasn't your lord [ie the Dajjaal] forbidden you to kill anyone without his permission?' So they will take him to the Dajjaal, and when the Believer sees him, he will say, 'O People, this is the Dajjaal whom the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) told us about.' Then the Dajjaal will order them to seize him and wound him in the head; they will inflict blows all over, even in his back and stomach. The Dajjaal will ask him, 'Don't you believe in me?' He will say, 'You are a false Messiah.' The Dajjaal will order that he be sawn in two from the parting of his hair to his legs; then he will walk between the two pieces. Then he will say 'Stand!' and the man will stand up. The Dajjaal will say to him, 'Don't you believe in me?' The believer will say, 'It has only increased my understanding that you are the Dajjaal.' Then he will say, 'O people! he will not treat anyone else in such a manner after me.' The Dajjaal will seize him to slaughter him, but the space between his neck and collar-bone will be turned into copper, and the Dajjaal will not be able to do anything to him. He will take the man by his arms and legs and throw him away; the people will believe that he has been thrown into Hell, whereas in fact he will have been thrown into Paradise." The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, "He will be the greatest of martyrs in the sight of Allaah, the Lord of the Worlds." [Muslim] [2]

Footnotes
[1] Ibn Maajah, Kitaab al-Fitan, (Hadeeth 4077), 2:1363.
"He will break the cross and kill pigs", i.e. Christianity will be annulled.
"He will not collect the Sadaqah" (i.e. Zakaat) - because there will be so much wealth, and no-one will be in need of Sadaqah.
Checker's Note: Da`eef. Da`eef Ibn Maajah: 884. Parts are supported.
[2] Muslim, Kitaab al-Fitan wa Ashtaar al-Saa'ah, 8/199, 200
The Hadeeth of Al-Mugheerah Ibn Shu'bah
Al-Mugheerah ibn Shu'bah said,
"No-one asked the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) more questions about the Dajjaal than I did. He said, 'You should not worry about him, because he will not be able to harm you.' I said, 'But they say that he will have much food and water!' He said, 'He is too insignificant in the sight of Allaah to have all that.' " [Muslim]
Al-Mugheerah ibn Shu'bah said,
"No-one asked the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) more questions about the Dajjaal than I did." One of the narrators said, "What did you ask him?" Al-Mugheerah said, "I said, 'They say that the Dajjaal will have a mountain of bread and meat, and a river of water. The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'He is too insignificant in the sight of Allaah to have all that.' " [Muslim]
From these Ahaadeeth, we can see that Allaah will test His servants with the Dajjaal and by the miracles which he will be permitted to perform: as we have already mentioned, the Dajjaal will order the sky to rain for those who accept him, and will order the earth to bring forth its fruits so that they and their livestock will eat of it, and their flocks will return fat and with their udders full of milk. Those who reject the Dajjaal and refuse to believe in him will suffer drought and famine; people and livestock will die, and wealth and supplies of food will be depleted. People will follow the Dajjaal like swarms of bees, and he will kill a young man and bring him back to life.
This is not a kind of magic; it will be something real with which Allaah will test His servants at the end of time. Many will be led astray, and many will be guided by it. Those who doubt will disbelieve, but those who believe will be strengthened in their faith.
Al-Qaadi 'Iyaad and others interpreted the phrase "He is too insignificant in the sight of Allaah to have all that" as meaning that the Dajjaal is too insignificant to have anything that could lead the true believers astray, because he is obviously evil and corrupt. Even if he brings great terror, the word Kaafir will be clearly written between his eyes; one report

explains that it will be written "Kaaf, Faa, Raa," from which we can understand that it will be written perceptibly, not abstractly, as some people say.
One of his eyes will be blind, protruding and repulsive; this is the meaning of the Hadeeth: "...as if it were a grape floating on the surface of the water." Other reports say that it is "dull, with no light in it," or "like white spittle on a wall," i.e. it will look ugly.
Some reports say that it is his right eye which will be blind; others say that it is his left eye.
He could be partly blind in both eyes, or there could be a fault in both eyes. This interpretation could be supported by the Hadeeth narrated by at-Tabaraanee, in which he reports that Ibn 'Abbaas said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'The Dajjaal is curly-haired and white-skinned. His head is like the branch of a tree; his left eye is blind, and the other eye looks like a floating grape.' "
One may ask: if the Dajjaal is going to cause such widespread evil and his claim to be a "lord" will be so widely believed - even though he is obviously a liar, and all the Prophet's have warned against him - why does the Qur'aan not mention him by name and warn us against his lies and stubbornness?
The answer is:-
The Dajjaal was referred to in the Ayah:
"...The day that some of the Signs of your Lord do come, no good will it do to a person to believe then, if he believed not before, nor earned good (by performing deeds of righteousness) through his Faith..." [al-An'aam (6):158]
Abu Hurairah said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'There are three things which, when they appear, no good will it do a soul to believe in them then, if it believed not before nor earned righteousness through its Faith. They are: The Dajjaal, the Beast, and the rising of the sun from the west.' "
Jesus son of Mary will descend from Heaven and kill the Dajjaal, as we have already mentioned. The descent of Jesus is mentioned in the Ayaat:
"And because of their saying (in boast), "We killed Messiah 'Eesaa (Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary), the Messenger of Allaah," - but they killed him not, nor crucified him, but the resemblance of 'Eesaa (Jesus) was put over another man (and they killed that man), and those who differ therein are full of doubts. They have no (certain) knowledge, they follow nothing but conjecture. For surely; they killed him not [i.e. 'Eesaa

(Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary) alayhi-salam]:
But Allaah raised him ['Eesaa (Jesus)] up (with his body and soul) unto Himself (and he alayhi-salam is in the heavens). And Allaah is Ever All Powerful, All Wise.
And there is none of the people of the Scripture (Jews and Christians), but must believe in him ['Eesaa (Jesus), son of Maryam (Mary), as only a Messenger of Allaah and a human being], before his ['Eesaa (Jesus) alayhi-salam or a Jew's or a Christian's] death (at the time of the appearance of the angel of death). And on the Day of Resurrection, he ['Eesaa (Jesus)] will be a witness against them." [an-Nisaa' (4):157-9]
We think that the Tafseer (interpretation) of this Aayah is that the pronoun in "before his death" (qabla mawtihi) refers to Jesus; i.e, he will descend and the People of the Book who differed concerning him will believe in him. The Christians claimed that he was divine, while the Jews made a slanderous accusation, i.e. that he was born from adultery. When Jesus descends before the Day of Judgment, he will correct all these differences and lies.
On this basis, the reference to the descent of the Messiah Jesus son of Mary also includes a reference to the Dajjaal (false Mesor Antichrist), who is the opposite of the true Messiah, because sometimes the Arabs refer to one of two opposites and not the other, but mean both.
The Dajjaal is not mentioned by name in the Qur'aan because he is so insignificant: he claims to be divine, but he is merely a human being. His affairs are too contemptible to be mentioned in the Qur'aan. But the Prophet's, out of loyalty to Allaah, warned their people about the Dajjaal and the tribulations and misguiding miracles he would bring. It is enough for us to know the reports of the Prophet's and the many reports from the Prophet Muhammad (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam).
One could argue that Allaah has mentioned Pharaoh and his false claims, such as:
"I am your lord, most high" [an-Nazi'aat (79):24] and "O chiefs! I know not that you have an ilaah (a god) other than me..." [al-Qasas (28):38]
This can be explained by the fact that Pharaoh and his deeds are in the past, and his lies are clear to every believer. But the Dajjaal is yet to come, in the future; it will be a Fitnah and a test for all people. So the Dajjaal is not mentioned in the Qur'aan because he is contemptible; and the fact that he is not mentioned means that it will be a great test.
The facts about the Dajjaal and his lies are obvious and do not need further emphasis. This is often the case when something is very clear. For example, when the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) was

terminally ill, he wanted to write a document confirming that Abu Bakr would be the Khaleefah after him. Then he abandoned this idea, and said,
"Allaah and the believers will not accept anyone other than Abu Bakr."
He decided not to write the document because he knew of Abu Bakr's high standing among the Sahaabah (Companions) and was sure that they would not choose anyone else. Similarly, the facts about the Dajjaal are so clear that they did not need to be mentioned in the Qur'aan.
Allaah did not mention the Dajjaal in the Qur'aan because He (subhaanahu wa ta'aala) knew that the Dajjaal would not be able to lead His true servants astray; he would only increase their faith, their submission to Allaah and His Messenger, their belief in the Truth, and their rejection of falsehood. For this reason the believer whom the Dajjaal overpowers will say, when he revives him,
"By Allaah, it has only increased my understanding that you are the one-eyed liar about whom the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) spoke."
More Ahaadeeth about the Dajjaal
The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said,
"The Dajjaal will emerge in a land in the east called Khurasan. His followers will be people with faces like hammered shields." [1]
Asmaa' bint Yazeed al-Ansaariyyah said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'During the three years just before the Dajjaal comes, there will be one year when the sky will withhold one third of its rain and the earth one-third of its fruits. In the second year the sky will withhold two-thirds of its rain, and the earth two-thirds of its fruits. In the third year the sky will withhold all of its rain, and the earth all of its fruits, and all the animals will die. It will be the greatest tribulation: the Dajjaal will bring a Bedouin and say to him, "What if I bring your camels to life for you? Will you agree that I am your lord?" The Bedouin will say "Yes." So devils will assume the forms of his camels, with the fullest udders and the highest humps. Then he will bring a man whose father and brother have died, and will ask him, "What do you think if I bring your father and brother back to life? Will you agree that I am your lord?" The man will say "Yes," so the devils will assume the forms of his father and brother.' Then the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) went out for something, and then returned. The people were very concerned about what he had told them. He stood in the doorway and asked, 'What is wrong, Asma'? I said, 'O Messenger of Allaah, you have terrified us with what you said about the Dajjaal.' He said, 'He will

certainly appear. If I am still alive, I will contend with him on your behalf; otherwise Allaah will take care of every Muslim on my behalf.' I said, 'O Messenger of Allaah, we do not bake our dough until we are hungry, so how will it be for the believers at that time?' The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'The glorification of Allaah which suffices the people of Heaven will be sufficient for them.' " [2]
Abu Hurairah (radi-Allahu 'anhu) said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'The Hour will not come until the Muslims fight the Jews and kill them. When a Jew hides behind a rock or a tree, it will say, "O Muslim, O servant of Allaah! There is a Jew behind me, come and kill him!" All the trees will do this except the box-thorn (al-Gharqad), because it is the tree of the Jews.' " [Ahmad] [3]

Footnotes
[1] Tirmidhee Abwaab al-Fitan, Hadeeth 2338, 6/465. Ibn Maajah, Kitaab al-Fitan, Hadeeth 4072, 1354, 2/1353, 1354. Ahmad, Musnad 1/7.
Checker's Note: Saheeh, Saheeh Ibn Maajah: 4072.
[2] Ahmad, Musnad, 6/455, 456.
Checker's Note: Da`eef, al-Mishkat, 1st checking: 5491. Its isnaad contains Sharh ibn Hawshab, who is weak.
[3] Muslim, Kitaab al-Fitan wa Ashraat al-Saa'ah, 8/388. Ahmad, Musnad, 2/417.

Protection Against The Dajjaal

1. Seeking refuge with Allaah from his tribulation.
It is proven in the Saheeh (authentic) Ahaadeeth that the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) used to seek refuge with Allaah from the tribulation of the Dajjaal in his prayers, and that he commanded his Ummah to dol ikewise:
"Allaahumma innaa na'oodhu bika min 'adhaabi jahannam, wa min 'adhaabi 'l-qabr, wa min fitnatee 'l-mahyaa'i wa'l-mamaat, wa min fitnatee' l-maseehi 'd-dajjaal."
"O Allaah! We seek refuge with You from the punishment of Hell, from the punishment of the grave, from the tribulations of life and death, and from the tribulation of the False Messiah (Dajjaal)." [1]
This Hadeeth was narrated by many Sahabah, including Anas, Abu Hurairah, 'Aa'ishah, Ibn 'Abbaas, and Sa'd (radi-Allaahu 'anhum).
2. Memorising certain Aayaat from Surat al-Kahf.
Al-Haafidh ad-Dhahabee said,
"Seeking refuge with Allaah from the Dajjaal is mentioned in many

Mutawaatir Ahaadeeth (those with numerous lines of narrators). One way of doing this is to memorise ten Ayaat from Surat al-Kahf."
Abul-Diraa reported that the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, "Whoever memorises the first ten Aayaat of Surat al-Kahf will be protected from the Dajjaal." [Abu Daawood] [2]
3. Keeping away from the Dajjaal.
One way to be protected from the tribulation of the Dajjaal is to live in Madeenah or Makkah.
Abu Hurairah reported that the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said,
"There are angels standing at the gates of Madeenah; neither plague nor the Dajjaal can enter it." [Bukhaaree, Muslim]
Abu Bakr reported that the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, "The terror caused by the Dajjaal will not enter Madeenah. At that time it will have seven gates; there will be two angels guarding every gate." [Bukhaaree] [3]
Anas said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'The Dajjaal will come to Madeenah, and he will find angels guarding it. Neither plague nor the Dajjaal will enter it, inshaa-Allaah.' " [Tirmidhee, Bukhaaree]
It has been proven in the Saheeh Ahaadeeth that the Dajjaal will not enter Makkah or Madeenah, because the angels will prevent him from entering these two places which are sanctuaries and are safe from him. When he camps at the salt-marsh (Sabkhah) of Madeenah, it will be shaken by three tremors - either physically or metaphorically - and every hypocrite will go out to join the Dajjaal. On that day, Madeenah will be cleansed of its dross and will be refined and purified; and Allaah knows best.

Footnotes
[1] Bukhaaree, Kitaab al-Janaa'iz, 2/124. Muslim, Kitaab al-Masaajid, 2/93.
[2] Muslim, Kitaab al-Musaafirun, 2/199. Abu Daawood, Kitaab al-Malaahim, (Hadeeth 4301), 11/401, 402.
[3] Bukhaaree, Baab Haram al-Madeenah, 1/28.

The Life And Deeds Of The Dajjaal

The Dajjaal will be a man, created by Allaah to be a test for people at the end of time. Many will be led astray through him, and many will be guided through him; only the sinful will be led astray.
Al-Haafidh Ibn 'Alee al-Aabaar wrote in his book of history (at-Taareekh)

that the Dajjaal's Kunyah (nickname or paternal title) would be Abu Yoosuf. [1]
Abu Bakrah said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'The Dajjaal's parents will remain childless for thirty years, then a one-eyed child will be born to them. He will be very bad and will cause a great deal of trouble. When he sleeps, his eyes will be closed but his heart (or mind) will still be active.' Then he described his parents: 'His father will be a tall and bulky man, with a long nose like a beak; his mother will be a huge, heavy-breasted woman.' " [2]
Abu Bakrah said,
"We heard that a child had been born to some of the Jews in Madeenah. Az-Zubayr ibn al-'Awaam and I went see his parents, and found that they matched the description given by the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam). We saw the boy lying in the sun, covered with a blanket, murmuring to himself. We asked his parents about him, and they said, 'We remained childless for thirty years, then this one-eyed boy was born to us. He is very bad and causes a great deal of trouble.' When we went out, we passed the boy. He asked us, 'What were you doing?' We said, 'Did you hear us?' He said, 'Yes; when I sleep, my eyes are closed but my heart (mind) is still active.' That boy was Ibn Sayyaad." [Ahmad, Tirmidhee; this Hadeeth is not very strong] [3]
As we have already seen in the Saheeh Ahaadeeth, Maalik and others think that Ibn Sayyaad was not the Dajjaal; he was one of a number of "lesser dajjaals." Later he repented and embraced Islaam; Allaah knows best his heart and deeds.
The "greater" Dajjaal is the one mentioned in the Hadeeth of Faatimah bint Qays, which she narrated from the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam), from Tameem ad-Daaree, and which includes the story of the Jassaasah. The Dajjaal will be permitted to appear at the end of time, after the Muslims have conquered a Roman city called Constantinople. He will first appear in Isfahaan, in an area known as the Jewish quarter (al-Yahoodiyyah). He will be followed by seventy thousand Jews from that area, all of them armed. Seventy thousand Tatars and many people from Khuraasaan will also follow him. At first he will appear as a tyrannical king, then he will claim to be a prophet, then a lord. Only the most ignorant of men will follow him; the righteous and those guided by Allaah will reject him. He will start to conquer the world country by country, fortress by fortress, region by region, town by town; no place will remain unscathed except Makkah and Madeenah. The length of his stay

on earth will be forty days: one day like a year, one day like a month, one day like a week, and the rest of the days like normal days, i.e. his stay will be approximately one year and two and a half months. Allaah will grant him many miracles, through which whoever He wills will be astray, and the faith of the believers will be strengthened. The descent of Jesus son of Mary, the true Messiah, will happen at the time of the Dajjaal, the false messiah. He will descend to the minaret in the east of Damascus. The believers and true servants of Allaah will gather to support him, and the Messiah Jesus son of Mary will lead them against the Dajjaal, who at that time will be heading for Bayt al-Maqdis (Jerusalem). He will catch up with him at 'Aqabah 'Afeeq. The Dajjaal will runaway from him, but Jesus will catch up with him at the gate of Ludd, and will kill him with his spear just as he is entering it. He will say to him, "I have to deal you a blow; you cannot escape." When the Dajjaal faces him, he will begin to dissolve like salt in water. So Jesus will kill him with his spear at the gate of Ludd, and he will die there, as many Saheeh Ahaadeeth indicate.
Majma' ibn Jaariyah is reported to have said,
"I heard the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) saying, 'The son of Mary will kill the Dajjaal at the gate of Ludd.' " [Tirmidhee] [4]

Footnotes
[1] Checker's Note: Reported as the saying of ash-Sha'bi. The reporter, Mujaahid ibn Sa'eed is weak.
[2] Checker's Note: Da`eef, al-Mishkat, 1st checking: 6445.
[3] Tirmidhee, Abwaab al-Fitan (Hadeeth 2350), 6/522, 523. Ahmad, Musnad, 5/40.
"When he sleeps, his eyes will be closed but his heart (or mind) will still be active" - means that his evil ideas will still come to him even while he is asleep.
Checker's Note: Da`eef due to Alee ibn Zaid ibn Jad'an.
[4] Tirmidhee, Abwaab al-Fitan (Hadeeth 2345), 6/513, 514.
Checker's Note: Saheeh, Saheeh at-Tirmidhee: 1829.
The Descent of Jesus at the End of Time
Abd Allaah ibn 'Amr said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'The Dajjaal will appear in my Ummah, and will remain for forty - "I cannot say whether he meant forty days, forty months or forty years." - Then Allaah will send Jesus (alayhi-salam), the son of Mary, who will resemble 'Urwah ibn Mas'ood. He will chase the Dajjaal and kill him. Then the people will live for seven years during which there will be no enmity between any two

persons. Then Allaah will send a cold wind from the direction of Syria, which will take the soul of everyone who has the slightest speck of good or faith in his heart. Even if one of you were to enter the heart of a mountain, the wind would reach him there and take his soul. Only the most wicked people will be left; they will be as careless as birds, with the characteristics of beasts, and will have no concern for right and wrong. Satan will come to them in the form of man and will say, "Don't you respond?" They will say, "What do you order us to do?" He will order them to worship idols, and in spite of that they will have sustenance in abundance, and lead comfortable lives.

"Then the Trumpet will be blown, and everyone will tilt their heads to hear it. The first one to hear it will be a man busy repairing a trough for his camels. He and everyone else will be struck down. Then Allaah will send (or send down) rain like dew, and the bodies of the people (i.e. the dead) will grow out of it. Then the trumpet will be sounded again, and the people will get up and look around. Then it will be said, "O people, go to your Lord and account for yourselves." It will be said, "Bring out the people of Hell," and it will be asked, "How many are there?" - the answer will come: "Nine hundred and ninety-nine out of every thousand." "On that day a child will grow old and the shin will be laid bare." [al-Qalam (68):42] " [Muslim] [1]

Abu Hurairah said,

"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'The son of Mary will come down as a just leader. He will break the cross, and kill the pigs. Peace will prevail and people will use their swords as sickles. Every harmful beast will be made harmless; the sky will send down rain in abundance,and the earth will bring forth its blessings. A child will play with a fox and not come to any harm; a wolf will graze with sheep and a lion with cattle, without harming them.' " [Ahmad] [2]

Abu Hurairah said,

"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'By Him in Whose hand is my soul, surely the son of Mary will come down among you as a just ruler. He will break the cross, kill the pigs and abolish the Jizyah. Wealth will be in such abundance that no-one will care about it, and a single prostration in prayer will be better than the world and all that is in it.' "

Abu Hurairah said,

'If you wish, recite the Aayah: "And there is none of the People of the Book but must believe in him before his death; and on the Day of Judgement he will be a witness against them..." [an-Nisaa' (4):159] '

[Bukhaaree, Muslim] [3]
Abu Hurairah reported that the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said,
"The Prophets are like brothers; they have different mothers but their religion is one. I am the closest of all the people to Jesus son of Mary, because there is no other Prophet between him and myself. He will come again, and when you see him, you will recognise him. He is of medium height and his colouring is reddish-white. He will be wearing two garments, and his hair will look wet. He will break the cross, kill the pigs, abolish the Jizyah and call the people to Islaam. During his time, Allaah will end every religion and sect other than Islaam, and will destroy the Dajjaal. Then peace and security will prevail on earth, so that lions will graze with camels, tigers with cattle, and wolves with sheep; children will be able to play with snakes without coming to any harm. Jesus will remain for forty years, then die, and the Muslims will pray for him."
[Ahmad] [4]
Ibn Masood reported that the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said,
"On the night of the Israa' (night journey), I met my father Abraham, Moses and Jesus, and they discussed the Hour. The matter was referred first to Abraham, then to Moses, and both said, 'I have no knowledge of it.' Then it was referred to Jesus, who said, 'No-one knows about its timing except Allaah; what my Lord told me was that the Dajjaal will appear, and when he sees me he will begin to melt like lead. Allaah will destroy him when he sees me. The Muslims will fight against the Kaafirs, and even the trees and rocks will say, "O Muslim, there is a Kaafir hiding beneath me - come and kill him!" Allaah will destroy the Kaafirs, and the people will return to their own lands. Then Gog and Magog will appear from all directions, eating and drinking everything they find. The people will complain to me, so I will pray to Allaah and He will destroy them, so that the earth will be filled with their stench. Allaah will send rain which will wash their bodies into the sea. My Lord has told me that when that happens, the Hour will be very close, like a pregnant woman whose time is due, but her family do not know exactly when she will deliver.' "
[Ahmad, Ibn Maajah] [5]

Footnotes
[1] Muslim, Kitaab al-Fitan wa Ashraat al-Saa'ah, 8/201, 202.
[2] Ahmad, Musnad, 2/482, 483.
Checker's Note: The Tabi'e is Ziyad ibn Sa'd, who is mentioned by Ibn

Hibban in ath-Thiqat al-Bukhari and Abu Hatim did not speak for nor against him. Ibn Kathir says the report is good and strong.
[3] Bukhaaree, Kitaab al-Anbiyaa, 204, 205. Muslim, Kitaab al-Imaan, 1/93, 94.
[4] Ahmad, Musnad, 2/406.
Checker's Note: Saheeh as declared by al-Hakim and adh-Dhahabi. Qatadah's hearing it is reported in a later narration in al-Musnad 2/436.
[5] Ahmad, Musnad, 1/375. Similar Hadeeth in Ibn Maajah, Kitaab al-Fitan (Hadeeth 4081), 2/1365, 1366.
Checker's Note: Da`eef, Da`eef al-Jami as-Sagheer: 4709. See Saheeh Muslim translation, no. 6924
Description of the Messiah Jesus son of Mary, Messenger of Allaah
Abu Hurairah said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'On the night of the Israa' (miraculous journey to Jerusalem) I met Moses - he was a slim man with wavy hair, and looked like a man from the Shanoo'ah tribe. I also met Jesus - he was of medium height and of a red complexion, as if he had just come out of the bath' " [Bukhaaree, Muslim] [1]
The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said,
"Whilst I was asleep, I saw myself (in a dream) making Tawaaf around the Ka'bah. I saw a brown-skinned man, with straight hair, being supported by two men, and with water dripping from his head. I said, 'Who is this?' They said, 'The son of Mary' I turned around and saw a fat, ruddy man, with curly hair, who was blind in his right eye; his eye looked like a floating grape. I asked, 'Who is this?' They said, 'The Dajjaal.' The one who most resembles him is Ibn Qatan." Az-Zuhri explained: Ibn Qatan was a man from Khuzaa'ah who died during the Jaahiliyyah (before the coming of Islaam). [Bukhaaree] [2]

Footnotes
[1] Bukhaaree, Kitaab al-Anbiyaa, 4/302. Muslim, Kitaab al-Imaan, 1/106, 107.
[2] Bukhaaree, ibid.
The Appearance of Gog and Magog
They (two tribes or peoples) will appear at the time of Jesus son of Mary, after the Dajjaal. Allaah will destroy them all in one night, in response to the supplication of Jesus.
Abu Hurairah reported that the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said,
"Everyday, Gog and Magog are trying to dig a way out through the

barrier. When they begin to see sunlight through it, the one who is in charge of them says, 'Go back; you can carry on digging tomorrow,' and when they come back, the barrier is stronger than it was before. This will continue until their time comes and Allaah wishes to send them forth. They will dig until they begin to see sunlight, then the one who is in charge of them will say, 'Go back; you can carry on digging tomorrow, inshaa'-Allaah.' In this case he will make an exception by saying inshaa'-Allaah, thus relating the matter to the Will of Allaah. They will return on the following day, and find the hole as they left it. They will carry on digging and come out against the people. They will drink all the water, and the people will entrench themselves in their fortresses. Gog and Magog will fire their arrows into the sky, and they will fall back to earth with something like blood on them. Gog and Magog will say, 'We have defeated the people of earth, and overcome the people of heaven.' Then Allaah will send a kind of worm in the napes of their necks, and they will be killed by it...' 'By Him in Whose hand is the soul of Muhammad, the beasts of the earth will become fat.' " [1]

Gog and Magog are two groups of Turks, descended from Yaafith (Japheth), the father of the Turks, one of the sons of Noah. At the time of Abraham (alayhi-salam), there was a king called Dhu'l-Qarnayn. He performed Tawaaf around the Ka'bah with Abraham (alayhi-salam) when he first built it; he believed and followed him. Dhu'l-Qarnayn was a good man and a great king; Allaah gave him great power and he ruled the east and west. He held sway over all kings and countries, and travelled far and wide in both east and west. He travelled eastwards until he reached a pass between two mountains, through which people were coming out. They did not understand anything, because they were so isolated; they were Gog and Magog. They were spreading corruption through the earth, and harming the people, so the people sought help from Dhu'l-Qarnayn. They asked him to build a barrier between them and Gog and Magog. He asked them to help him to build it, so together they built a barrier by mixing iron, copper and tar.

Thus Dhu'l-Qarnayn restrained Gog and Magog behind the barrier. They tried to penetrate the barrier, or to climb over it, but to no avail. They could not succeed because the barrier is so huge and smooth. They began to dig, and they have been digging for centuries; they will continue to do so until the time when Allaah decrees that they come out. At that time the barrier will collapse, and Gog and Magog will rush out in all directions, spreading corruption, uprooting plants, killing people. When Jesus (alayhi-salam) prays against them, Allaah will send a kind of worm

in the napes of their necks, and they will be killed by it.

Footnotes
[1] Tirmidhee, Abwaab al-Tafsir: Soorat al-Kahf (Hadeeth 5160), 8/597-99. Ibn Maajah, Kitaab al-Fitan, (Hadeeth 4080), 2/1364. Ahmad, Musnad, 2/510, 511.
Checker's Note: Saheeh, Silsilatul Ahadeeth as-Saheehah: 1735.
The destruction of the Ka'bah
At the end of time, Dhu'l-Suwayqatayn, who will come from Abyssinia (al-Habash), will destroy the Ka'bah in order to steal its treasure and Kiswah (cloth covering). The Ka'bah is the ancient building which was built by Abraham, and whose foundations were laid by Adam.
As Tafseer (interpretation) of the Aayah "Until the Gog and Magog (people) are let through (their barrier)" [al-Anbiyaa' (21):96], it was reported from Ka'b al-Ahbar that Dhu'l-Suwayqatayn will first emerge at the time of Jesus, son of Mary. Allaah will send Jesus at the head of a vanguard of between seven and eight hundred. While they are marching towards Dhu'l-Suwayqatayn, Allaah will send a breeze from the direction of Yemen, which will take the soul of every believer. Only the worst of people will be left, and they will begin to copulate like animals. Ka'b said: "At that time, the Hour will be close at hand." [1]
'Abd Allaah ibn 'Amr said,
"I heard the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) say, 'Dhu'l-Suwayqatayn from Abyssinia will destroy the Ka'bah and steal its treasure and Kiswah. It is as if I could see him now: he is bald-headed and has a distortion in his wrists. He will strike the Ka'bah with his spade and pick-axe.' " [Ahmad] [2]
It was reported from 'Abd Allaah ibn 'Umar that the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said,
"Leave the Abyssinians alone so long as they do not disturb you, for no-one will recover the treasure of the Ka'bah except Dhu'l-Suwayqatayn from Abyssinia." [Abu Daawood, in the chapter on the prohibition of provoking the Abyssinians] [3]
Ibn 'Abbaas narrated that the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said,
"It is as if I can see him now: he is black and his legs are widely spaced. He will destroy the Ka'bah stone by stone." [Ahmad] [4]
The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said,
"The Hour will not come until a man from Qahtaan appears and rules the people." [Muslim; similar Hadeeth in Bukhaaree]

This man could be Dhu'l-Suwayqatayn, or someone else, because this man comes from Qahtaan, while other reports say that Dhu'l-Suwayqatayn comes from Abyssinia; and Allaah knows best.
Abu Hurairah said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'Day and night will not come to an end until a freed man called Jahjaah holds sway.' " [Ahmad] [5]
This could be the name of Dhul-Suwayqatayn from Abyssinia; and Allaah knows best.
'Umar ibn al-Khattab reported that he heard the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) say:
"The people of Makkah will leave, and only a few people will pass through it. Then it will be resettled and rebuilt; then the people will leave it again, and no-one will ever return." [6]

Footnotes
[1] Concerning Dhu'l-Suwayqatayn, see: Bukhaaree: Kitaab al-Hajj, Baab Hadam al-Ka'bah (The Book of Pilgrimage, Chapter of the Destruction of the Ka'bah), 2/183. Muslim, Kitaab al-Fitan wa Ashraat al-Saa'ah, 8/183. Dhu'l-Suwayqatayn: al-Suwayqatayn is the dimunitive of al-Saaqayn (legs); his legs are described as being "small" because they are thin. Thin legs are, in general, a characteristic of the Sudanese and people of the Horn of Africa.
[2] Ahmad, Musnad, 2/220.
Checker's Note: Da`eef isnaad. It contains the `an`anah of Abu Zubair. The first part, up to 'treasure' is hasan, Silsilatul Ahadeeth as-Saheehah: 771.
[3] Abu Daawood, Kitaab al-Malaahim, (Hadeeth 4287), 11/423.
Checker's Note: Hasan, Saheeh Abee Daawood.
[4] Ahmad, Musnad, 1/227.
Checker's Note: Saheeh, also reported in al-Bukhaaree.
[5] Checker's Note: Saheeh, Ahmad, Muslim and at-Tirmidhee. Silsilatul Ahadeeth as-Saheehah: 7684.
[6] Ahmad, Musnad, 1/23.
Checker's Note: Da`eef, Da`eef al-Jami as-Sagheer: 3298. Da`eef due to Ibn Lahi'ah and `an`anah of Abu Zubair
Madeenah will remain inhabited at the time of the Dajjaal
It has been proven in the Saheeh Ahaadeeth, as already stated, that the Dajjaal will not be able to enter Makkah and Madeenah, and that there will be angels at the gates of Makkah to ward him off and prevent him

from entering.
It was reported from Abu Hurairah that the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said,
"Neither the Dajjaal nor plague will be able to enter Madeenah."
As mentioned above, the Dajjaal will camp outside Madeenah, and it will be shaken by three tremors. Every hypocrite and sinner will go out to join the Dajjaal, and every believer and Muslim will stay. That day will be called the Day of Purification (Yawm al-Khalaas). Most of those who go out to join the Dajjaal will be women. As the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said,
"Verily it (Madeenah) is good; its evil will be eliminated and its goodness will be obvious."
Allaah (subhaanahu wa ta'aala) said:
"Women impure are for men impure, and men impure for women impure, and women of purity are for men of purity, and men of purity are for women of purity..." [an-Noor (24):26)
Madeenah will remain inhabited during the days of the Dajjaal, and during the time of Jesus son of Mary (alayhi-salam), until he dies and is buried there. Then it will be destroyed.
'Umar ibn al-Khattab said,
"I heard the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) say, 'A rider will go around Madeenah and say, There used to be many Muslims here.' "
[Ahmad] [1]

Footnotes
[1] Ahmad, Musnad, 1/20.
Checker's Note: Da`eef isnaad due to Ibn Lahi'ah and `an`anah of Abu Zubair. The fact that Madinah will be deserted is reported from Abu Hurairah by al-Bukhaaree.

The Emergence of the Beast

Among the signs of the Hour will be the emergence of a beast from the earth. It will be very strange inappearance, and extremely huge; one cannot even imagine what it will look like. It will emerge from the earth and shake the dust from its head. It will have with it the ring of Solomon and the rod of Moses. People will be terrified of it and will try to run away, but they will not be able to escape, because such will be the decree of Allaah. It will destroy the nose of every unbeliever with the rod, and write the word "Kaafir" on his forehead; it will adorn the face of every believer and write the word "Mu'min" (true believer) on his forehead, and it will speak to people.

Allaah (subhaanahu wa ta'aala) said:
"And when the Word is fulfilled against them (the unjust), We shall produce from the earth a Beast to (face) them: it will speak to them..." [an-Naml (27):82]
Ibn 'Abbaas, al-Hasan and Qataadah said that "It will speak to them" (tukallimuhum) means that it will address them. Ibn Jareer suggested that it means that the Beast will address them with the words "...for that mankind did not believe with assurance in Our Signs..." [an-Naml (27):82 - latter part of the Ayah]
Ibn Jareer reported this from 'Alee and 'Ata'. It was reported from Ibn 'Abbaas that tukallimuhum means that the Beast will cut them, i.e., it will write the word "Kaafir" on the forehead of the unbeliever. It was also reported from Ibn 'Abbaas that he will both address them and cut them; this suggestion incorporates both of the previous suggestions; and Allaah knows best.
We have already mentioned the Hadeeth of Hudhayfah ibn Usayd, in which the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) is reported to have said,
"The Hour will not come until you see ten signs: the smoke; the Dajjaal; the Beast; the sun rising from the West; the descent of Jesus son of Mary; Gog and Magog; and three land-slides - one in the East, one in the West, and one in Arabia, at the end of which fire will burst forth from the direction of Aden (Yemen) and drive people to the place of their final assembly."
Abu Hurairah said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'Hasten to do good deeds before six things happen: the rising of the sun from the West, the smoke, the Dajjaal, the Beast, the (death) of one of you or general tribulation.' " [Muslim]
Bareedah said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) took me to a place in the desert, near Makkah. It was a dry piece of land surrounded by sand. The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'The Beast will emerge from this place.' It was a very small area." [Ibn Maajah] [1]
It was reported from Abu Hurairah that the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said,
"The Beast of the Earth will emerge, and will have with it the rod of Moses and the ring of Solomon."
It was also reported that he said,
"(The Beast) will destroy the noses of the unbelievers with the ring, - so

that people seated around one table will begin to address one another with the words "O Believer!" or "O Unbeliever!" (i.e., everyone's status will become clear) [Ibn Maajah] [2]
'Abd Allaah ibn 'Amr said,
"I memorised a Hadeeth from the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) which I have not forgotten since. I heard the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) say, 'The first of the signs (of the Hour) to appear will be the rising of the sun from the West and the appearance of the Beast before the people in the forenoon. Whichever of these two events happens first, the other will follow immediately.' " [Muslim] [3]
That is to say, these will be the first extraordinary signs. The Dajjaal, the descent of Jesus (alayhi-salam), the emergence of Gog and Magog, are less unusual in that they are all human beings. But the emergence of the Beast, whose form will be very strange, its addressing the people and classifying them according to their faith or unbelief, is something truly extraordinary. This is the first of the earthly signs, as the rising of the sun from the West is the first of the heavenly signs.

Footnotes
[1] Ibn Maajah, Kitaab al-Fitan, (Hadeeth 4267), 2/1352.
Checker's Note: Da`eef Jiddan (very weak). Ibn Maajah, no. 4067, Da`eef Ibn Maajah: 882.
[2] Similar Hadeeth narrated by Ibn Maajah in Kitaab al-Fitan, (Hadeeth 4061), 2 - 1351, 1352. Ahmad, Musnad, 2 - 295.
Checker's Note: Da`eef, Da`eef al-Jami as-Sagheer: 2413.
[3] Muslim, Kitaab al-Fitan, 8/202.
The Rising of the Sun from the West
Allaah (subhaanahu wa ta'aala) says:
"Do they then wait for anything other than that the angels should come to them, or that your Lord should come, or that some of the Signs of your Lord should come (i.e. portents of the Hour e.g., arising of the sun from the west)! The day that some of the Signs of your Lord do come, no good will it do to a person to believe then, if he believed not before, nor earned good (by performing deeds of righteousness) through his Faith. Say: 'Wait you! we (too) are waiting.'" [al-An'aam (6):158]
It was reported from Abu Sa'eed al-Khudree that the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) explained,
"The day that some of the Signs of your Lord do come, no good will it do to a person to believe then...", referring to the rising of the sun from the West. [Ahmad] [1]

Abu Hurairah said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'The Hour will not come until the sun rises from the West. When the people see it, whoever is living on earth will believe, but that will be the time when - No good will it do to a person to believe then, if he believed not before then' " [Bukhaaree] [2]
It was also reported from Abu Hurairah that the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said,
"The Hour will not come until the sun rises from the West. When it rises and the people see it, they will all believe. But that will be the time when 'No good will it do to a person to believe then.' " [Bukhaaree] [3]
It was reported from Abu Hurairah that the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said,
"There are three things which, if they appear, 'No good will it do to a person to believe then, if he believed not before, nor earned good (by performing deeds of righteousness) through his Faith' They are: the rising of the sun from the West, the Dajjaal, and the Beast of the Earth." [Ahmad, Muslim, Tirmidhee] [4]
Abu Dharr said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) asked me, 'Do you know where the sun goes when it sets?' I said, 'I do not know' He said, 'It travels until it prostrates itself beneath the Throne, and asks for permission to rise again. But a time will come when it will be told, 'Go back whence you came.' That will be the time when 'No good will it do to a person to believe then, if he believed not before, nor earned good (by performing deeds of righteousness) through his Faith' " [Bukhaaree] [5]
'Amr ibn Jareer said,
"Three Muslims were sitting with Marwaan in Madeenah, and heard him say, whilst talking about the Signs of the Hour, that the first of them would be the appearance of the Dajjaal. The three went to 'Abd Allaah ibn 'Amr, and told him what they had heard Marwaan say concerning the Signs. 'Abd Allaah said, 'Marwan has not said much. I memorised a Hadeeth like that from the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) which I have not forgotten since. I heard the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) say:
"The first of the signs will be the rising of the sun from the West, and the emergence of the Beast in the forenoon. Whichever of the two comes first, the other will follow immediately"
Then 'Abd Allaah, who was widely-read, said,
"I think that the first to happen will be the rising of the sun from the West.

Every time it sets, it goes beneath the Throne, prostrates itself, and seeks permission to rise again. A time will come when three times it will seek permission and will receive no reply, until, when part of the night has passed and it realises that even if it were given permission, it would not be able to rise on time, it will say: 'O my Lord, how far the rising-point is from me! What can I do for the people now?' Then it will seek permission to go back, and it will be told: 'Rise from where you are now' - and it will rise from the West." Then 'Abd Allaah recited the Aayah: "No good will it do to a person to believe then, if he believed not before, nor earned good (by performing deeds of righteousness) through his Faith." [Ahmad] [6]

Footnotes
[1] Ahmad, Musnad, 3/31.
Checker's Note: Saheeh, Saheeh at-Tirmidhee: 2455.
[2] Bukhaaree, Kitaab al-Tafsir, 6/73.
[3] Bukhaaree, ibid.
[4] Muslim, Kitaab al-Imaan, 1/96. Tirmidhee, Abwaab al-Tafsir (Hadeeth 5067), 8/449, 450. Ahmad, Musnad, 2/455, 446.
[5] Similar Hadeeth in Bukhaaree, Kitaab Bid' al-Khalq, 4/131.
[6] Ahmad, Musnad, 2/201.
Checker's Note: Saheeh, Musnad Imaam Ahmad, checking by Ahmad Shakir: 6881.

The Smoke which will appear at the End of Time

Masrooq said:
"While a man was giving a speech among the people of Kindah, he said, 'There will be smoke on the Day of Resurrection which will deprive the hypocrites of their hearing and sight, but the believers will only suffer something like a cold.' We were terrified, so we went to Ibn Masood, who was reclining. When he heard about this, he became angry and sat up, and said: 'O people, whoever knows a thing, let him say it; but whoever does not know, let him say, "Allaah knows best." It is a part of knowledge, when one does not know something, to say "Allaah knows best." Allaah (subhaanahu wa ta'aala) said to His Prophet Muhammad (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam):
"Say (O Muhammad sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam): 'No wage do I ask of you for this (the Qur'aan), nor am I one of the Mutakallifoon (those who pretend and fabricate things which do not exist).'" [Saad (38):86]
"Quraysh were being slow in embracing Islaam, so the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) prayed against them, saying, 'O Allaah, help

me against them by sending seven years of famine like those of Joseph.' They were afflicted by a year of famine in which they were destroyed, and ate dead animals and bones. They began to see something like smoke between the sky and the earth. Abu Sufyan came and said, 'O Muhammad! You came to command us to keep good relations with our relatives, and your people have perished, so pray that Allaah may relieve them.'"
Then Ibn Mas'ood recited,
"Then wait you for the Day when the sky will bring forth a visible smoke. Covering the people, this is a painful torment. (They will say): "Our Lord! Remove the torment from us, really we shall become believers!" How can there be for them an admonition (at the time when the torment has reached them), when a Messenger explaining things clearly has already come to them. Then they had turned away from him (Messenger Muhammad sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) and said: "One (Muhammad sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) taught (by a human being), a madman!" Verily, We shall remove the torment for a while. Verily! You will revert." [ad-Dukhaan (44):10-15]
Ibn Masood asked:
"Will their punishment in the Hereafter be removed so they can go back to their Kufr?"
Allaah (subhaanahu wa ta'aala) said:
"On the Day when We shall seize you with the greatest grasp. Verily, We will exact retribution." [ad-Dukhaan (44):16]
...and soon will come the inevitable (punishment)!" [al-Furqaan (25):77]
These Ayaat refer to the Day (Battle) of Badr. Allaah (subhaanahu wa ta'aala) said:
"Alif Laam Meem. The Romans have been defeated. In the nearer land (Syria, Iraq, Jordan, and Palestine), and they, after their defeat, will be victorious. Within three to nine years." [ar-Room (30): 1-4] [Bukhaaree] [1]
This speaker's suggestion - that the idea that the smoke would be on the Day or Resurrection was not a good one - made Ibn Masood react angrily. But the smoke will appear before the Day of Resurrection; it will be one of the signs, which are: the Beast, the Dajjaal, the Smoke, and Gog and Magog, as the Ahaadeeth narrated from Abu Sareehah, Abu Hurairah and other Sahaabah indicate.
As mentioned in the Saheeh Ahaadeeth, the fire which will appear before the Day of Resurrection will burst forth from the direction of Aden, and drive the people to the place of their final assembly. It will move with

them and halt with them, and will devour any who lag behind.

Footnote
[1] Bukhaaree, Kitaab at-Tafsir - Soorat ar-Room, 6/142, 143
Other Events which will precede the Hour
It was reported from Abu Sa'eed al-Khudree that the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said,
"Thunderbolts will increase so much as the Hour approaches that when a man comes to a people, he will ask, 'Who amongst you was struck by a thunderbolt this morning?' and they will say, 'So-and-so and so-and-so was struck.' " [Ahmad] [1]
Heavy rain before the Day of Resurrection
It was reported from Abu Hurairah that the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said,
"The hour will not come until there has been rain which will destroy all dwellings except tents." [2]
We have already mentioned many Ahaadeeth about the signs of the Hour. Now we will turn our attention to some Ahaadeeth which could indicate that the Hour is close at hand.
It was reported from Abu Hurairah that the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said:
"The Hour will not come until the following events have come to pass: people will compete with one another in constructing high buildings; two big groups will fight one another, and there will be many casualties - they will both be following the same religious teaching; earthquakes will increase; time will pass quickly; afflictions and killing will increase; nearly thirty dajjals will appear, each of them claiming to be a messenger from Allaah; a man will pass by a grave and say, 'Would that I were in your place'; the sun will rise from the West; when it rises and the people see it, they will all believe, but that will be the time when 'No good will it do to a person to believe then, if it believed not before...' [al-An'aam (6):158]; and a wealthy man will worry lest no-one accept his Zakaat." [Bukhaaree, Muslim]
It was reported from Anas that the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said:
"Among the signs of the Hour are the following: knowledge will decrease and ignorance will prevail; fornication and the drinking of wine will be common; the number of men will decrease and the number of women will increase, until one man will look after fifty women." [Bukhaaree] [3]
'Aa'ishah said,

"I heard the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) say, 'Day and night will not pass away until people begin to worship Laat and 'Uzzaa' (two goddesses of pre-Islaamic Arabic). I said, 'O Messenger of Allaah, I thought that when Allaah revealed the Aayah "It is He Who has sent His Messenger (Muhammad sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) with guidance and the religion of truth (Islaam), to make it superior over all religions even though the Mushrikoon (polytheists, pagans, idolaters, disbelievers in the Oneness of Allaah) hate (it)" [at-Tawbah (9):33], it implied that (this promise) would be fulfilled.' The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'It will happen as Allaah wishes. Then Allaah will send a pleasant breeze, which will take everyone who has as much faith as a grain of mustard-seed in his heart. Only those with no goodness in them will be left, and they will revert to the religion of their forefathers.' " [Muslim] [4]
It was reported from Abu Hurairah that one day, while the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) was sitting with the people, a Bedouin came to him and asked him about Eemaan and Islaam, then he asked,
"O Messenger of Allaah, when will the Hour be?" He said, "The one who is asked about it does not know more than the one who asks, but I tell you about its signs. When a slave gives birth to her mistress, and when the bare-footed and naked become the chiefs of the people - these are among the signs of the Hour. There are five things which no-one knows except Allaah." Then he recited:
"Verily the knowledge of the Hour is with God (alone). It is He Who sends down rain, and He Who knows what is in the wombs. Nor does anyone know what it is that he will earn on the morrow: nor does anyone know in what land he is to die. Verily God is All-Knowing, All Aware." [Luqman (31):34]
Then the man went away, and the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, "Call him back to me," but when the people went to call him, they could not see anything. The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, "That was Gabriel, who came to teach the people their religion." [Bukhaaree, Muslim] [5]
"The bare-footed and naked paupers will compete with one another in constructing high buildings" means that they will become the chiefs of people. They will become rich, and their only concern will be to compete in constructing high buildings. This is as in the Hadeeth we shall see later:
"The Hour will not come until the happiest people in the world will be the depraved sons of the depraved."
It was reported from Abu Sa'eed that the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa

sallam) said:
"The Hour will not come until the time when a man will leave his home, and his shoes or whip or stick will tell what is happening to his family." [Ahmad] [6]
It was reported from Abu Sa'eed that the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said:
"By Him in Whose hand is my soul, the Hour will not come until wild animals talk to men, and a man speaks to his whip or his shoe, and his thigh will tell him about what happened to his family after he left." [7]
Anas said,
"We were discussing the fact that the Hour would not come until there is no rain, the earth does not produce crops, and fifty women will be cared for by one man; and if a woman passes by a man, he will look at her and say, 'This woman once had a husband.' " [Ahmad] [8]
Abu Hurairah said:
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said: 'The Hour will not come until time passes so quickly that a year will be like a month, a month like a week, a week like a day, a day like an hour, and an hour like the time it takes for a palm-leaf to burn.' " [Ahmad] [9]
Abu Hurairah said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said: 'The world will not pass away until the one who enjoys it the most is the depraved son of the depraved.' " [Ahmad] [10]
Abu Hurairah said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said, 'Before the Hour comes, there will be years of deceit, in which a truthful person will be disbelieved and a liar will be believed; and the insignificant will have a say.' " [Ahmad] [11]
Abu Hurairah said:
"I heard the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) say: 'The Hour will not come until the sheep with horns no longer fights the sheep without horns.' " [Ahmad] [12]
It was reported from Abu Hurairah that the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said,
"The Hour will not come until wealth increases so much that a wealthy man will be worried lest no-one accept his Sadaqah; knowledge will be taken away; time will pass quickly; tribulations will appear; and there will be much Harj." The people asked, "What is Harj, O Messenger of Allaah?" He said, "Killing, killing." [Ahmad] [13]
It was reported from Abu Hurairah that the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe

wa sallam) said,
"By Him Who sent me with the Truth, this earth will not pass away until people are afflicted with landslides, are pelted with stones, and are transformed into animals." The people asked, "When will that be, O Messenger of Allaah?" He said, "When you see women riding in the saddle, when singers are common, when bearing false witness becomes widespread, and when men lie with men and women with women." [14]
Taariq ibn Shihaab said,
"We were sitting with 'Abd Allaah ibn Mas'ood, when a man came and told us that the time for prayer had come. So we got up and went to the mosque... After the prayer, a man came to 'Abd Allaah ibn Mas'ood and said, 'As-salaam 'alayka (Peace be upon you), O Abu 'Abd ar-Rahmaan'. 'Abd Allaah answered, 'Allaah and His Messenger have spoken the truth.' When we went back, we asked one another, 'Did you hear the answer he gave? Who is going to ask him about it?' I said, 'I will ask him'; so I asked him when he came out. He narrated from the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam):
'Before the Hour comes, there will be a special greeting for the people of distinction; trade will become so widespread that a woman will help her husband in business; family ties will be cut; the giving of false witness will be common, while truthful witness will be rare; and writing will be widespread.' [Ahmad] [15]

Footnotes
[1] Ahmad, Musnad, 3/64, 65.
Checker's Note: Da`eef isnaad due to Muhammad ibn Mus'ab.
[2] Ahmad, Musnad, 2/262.
Checker's Note: Saheeh, Musnad Imaam Ahmad, checking by Ahmad Shakir: 7554 and Majma' az-Zawaid of al-Haythamee: 7/331.
[3] Bukhaaree, Kitaab al-'Ilm, 1/30, 31.
[4] Muslim, Kitaab al-Fitan 8/182.
[5] Bukhaaree, Kitaab al-Imaan, 1/19; Kitaab at-Tafsir - Soorat Luqmaan, 6/144. Muslim, Kitaab al-Imaan, 1/30, 31.
[6] Ahmad, Musnad, 3/88, 89.
Checker's Note: Saheeh.
[7] Ahmad, Musnad, 3/82, 84.
Checker's Note: Saheeh, Silsilatul Ahadeeth as-Saheehah: 122.
[8] Ahmad, Musnad, 3/286.
Checker's Note: Saheeh, reported by Ahmad, Abu Ya'la and al-Bazzar. Majma' az-Zawa'id of al-Haythamee: 7/333 and Kashful Astar bi Zawa'id

al-Bazzar of al-Haythamee: 3415.
[9] Ahmad, Musnad, 3/358.
Checker's Note: Saheeh, Saheeh al-Jami as-Sagheer: 7422.
[10] Ahmad, Musnad, 2/358.
Checker's Note: Saheeh, Saheeh al-Jami as-Sagheer: 7272.
[11] Ahmad, Musnad, 2/238.
Checker's Note: Hasan, Silsilatul Ahadeeth as-Saheehah: 1887.
[12] Ahmad, Musnad, 2/442.
Checker's Note: Da`eef?? [not quite sure] due to as-Salt ibn Quwaid; an-Nasaa'ee said, "His hadith is munkar."
[13] Ahmad, Musnad, 2/313.
Checker's Note: Saheeh, Musnad Imaam Ahmad, checking by Ahmad Shakir: 8120, 8121.
[14] al-Haythamee, Kitaab al-Fitan.
Checker's Note: Da`eef, related by al-Bazzar and at-Tabaraanee in al-Awsat. It is weak due to Sulaiman ibn Daawood al-Yamami who is matrook (abandoned). Majma' az-Zawa'id of al-Haythamee.
[15] Ahmad, Musnad, 1/407.
Checker's Note: Saheeh, Silsilatul Ahadeeth as-Saheehah: 648.

Description of the People who will be Alive at the End of Time

It was reported from 'Abd Allaah ibn 'Amr that the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said,
"The Hour will not come until Allaah takes away the best people on earth; only the worst people will be left; they will not know any good or forbid any evil." [Ahmad] [1]
'Abd Allaah ibn Mas'ood said,
"I heard the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) say: 'Eloquence can be bewitching; the worst of the people are those upon whom the Hour will come while they are still alive, and those who turn graves into mosques.' " [Ahmad] [2]
It was reported from Anas that the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said,
"The Hour will not come until no-one on earth says 'Laa ilaaha illaa Allaah.'" [Ahmad] [3]
It was also reported from Anas that the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) said:
"The Hour will not come until no-one on earth says, 'Allaah, Allaah.'" [Ahmad] [4]
There are two suggestions as to the meaning of the phrase, "until no-one on earth says 'Allaah, Allaah'":

It could mean that no-one will forbid evil, or try to correct another if he sees him doing something wrong. We have already come across this in the Hadeeth of 'Abd Allaah ibn 'Amr:
"Only the worst people will be left; they will not know any good or forbid any evil."
It could mean that Allaah will no longer be mentioned, and His Name will not be known; this will be part of the prevalent corruption and Kufr, as in the previous Hadeeth,
"Until no-one on earth says 'Laa ilaaha illaa Allaah."
'Aa'ishah said,
"The Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) came in, saying 'O 'Aa'ishah, your people will be the first of my Ummah to join me.' When he sat down, I said, 'O Messenger of Allaah, may I be sacrificed for you! When you came in, you were saying something which scared me.' He asked, 'What was that?' I said, 'You said that my people would be the first of your Ummah to join you.' He said, 'Yes.' I asked, 'Why is that?' He said, 'Death will be widespread among them, and their relatives will be jealous of them.' I said, 'How will people be after that?' He said, 'Like locusts: the strong will devour the weak, until the Hour comes.' " [Ahmad] [5]
'Albaa' al-Salamee said,
"I heard the Prophet (sal-Allaahu 'alayhe wa sallam) say: 'The Hour will only come upon the worst of the people.' " [Ahmad] [6]

Footnotes
[1] Ahmad, Musnad, 1/454.
Checker's Note: Da`eef isnaad due to `an`anah of al-Hasan al-Basree.
[2] Ahmad, Musnad, 3/268.
Checker's Note: Saheeh, Musnad Imaam Ahmad, checking by Ahmad Shakir: 4342.
[3] Ahmad, Musnad, 3/268.
Checker's Note: Saheeh, Tahdheerus Saajid of Shaykh al-Albaanee, pg. 119.
[4] Ahmad, Musnad, 3/107.
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